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Familiar Faces

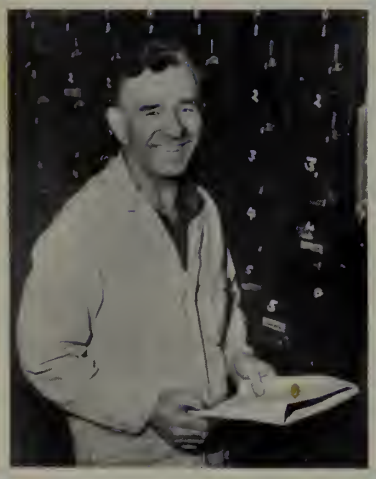
Around the Plant

Charles Espanet, Press Hond in 412, has 25 years here and lives in Milford. His son coaches athletics at Milford High

Henry Lavallee, Parts and Process man in 414, formerly croshed floming barriers on o motorcycle. His hobby is astrology

Mrs. Sarah Healy, Telephone Operator, lives in Whitinsville and hos a daughter 14 years old. Sarah has been here 5 years

Sally Mantashigian, Main Office, lists dancing, tennis, and reading as her hobbies. She has worked ot Whitin 6 years



Andrew Vierstra, of Deportment 418, come from Hollond in 1907. He hos 3 sons ond 3 daughters and lives in Whitinsville

Omer Ross, of Deportment 405, was born in Canada and lives in Northbridge. He is married and has 2 sons and a daughter

Amede Tolbot, of Department 417, Whitin employee for 29 years, was born in Canoda in 1896. He has 2 sons and 2 daughters

Above: Heavy structural iron is cut to the proper shape and length on metal-cutting band saws. Harry Osterman, right, measures a length of I-beam while William Trainer, left, prepares to cut the beam

Below: The next step is to punch holes in the iron in order that the lengths may be joined together. Foreman William T. Scott supervises as Ovide Dome punches half-inch angle iron. Scrap stock is sheared into short lengths for easier handling at the same machine

METAL SHAPERS of 466

On the right bank of the Mumford River, in the basement of building 27, are located the Structural Iron and Sheet Metal jobs. Although "out of sight" they are not "out of mind," as these jobs contribute a great deal to the safety and comfort of all persons in the plant. Both are part of Department 466, both work with metal. Workers in both jobs must possess above-average agility and common sense plus the ability to visualize a finished structure from a sketch.

Structural Iron

Headed by Foreman William T. Scott, Structural Iron is responsible for the installation and maintenance of inside and outside iron work. The men of Structural Iron brace floors for heavy machinery, maintain the iron work on the foundry stacks, build and repair heavy steel gratings, keep 200 narrow-gauge and three standard-gauge cars in repair, insure that the railroad scales are operating accurately, care for all mechanically-operated

Metal Shapers (continued)

Adam Satkauskas, left, and Emil DeMello put the finishing touches to a typical task, new stairs and platform for the Core Room sand muller. Iron structures such as this reduce fire hazard

The portable arc-welders used by the department may be used either in the department to repair equipment or in the plant to build new equipment. In this picture Theodore Pouliot welds angle iron skids on a standard corrugated tote box. The hood protects his eyes from the intense glare

Structural Iron is responsible for the maintenance of the rolling stock of the Whitin railroads. John Connolly, left, and Oliver Coulombe set the bearing box on a narrow-gauge car

doors, repair fences and gates, fix out-of-order sand and coke conveyors, and perform a host of other tasks. The men work alone or in cooperation with sheet metal workers, electricians, plumbers, steamfitters and millwrights.

Men, Materials, and Machines

The raw material used by these men is iron or steel in the form of angle iron, I-beams, H-beams, channel iron, flat stock and round bars. To shape these materials the men use metal cutting bandsaws, which can shape an 18-inch cube, power shears and punches, air drills, electric drills, drill presses, cutting torches and arc-welders. While electric hoists are used where practical to handle the 80 tons of stock usually on hand, men employed in this work need to be rugged. As Foreman Scott phrases it: "Our work requires more than a diet of milk and crackers."

Typical of the work done by Structural Iron is the installation of new floors in the foundry sand-mulling machines. Having a diameter of seven feet, these circular slabs of ¾-inch thick steel weigh half a ton and must be made in four sections. Tasks such as this originate with the maintenance engineers, who furnish a sketch and specify the weight and type of steel to be used. The metal is cut in the department, sub-assembled, and trucked to the proper location where it is welded in place. An inspection of the completed work is made by the foreman and the engineers.

The Sheet Metal Job is unusual in that each workman may design the piece he is making, carry it through each stage of manufacture, and then install the piece. Here Nicholas Prestera shapes a guard

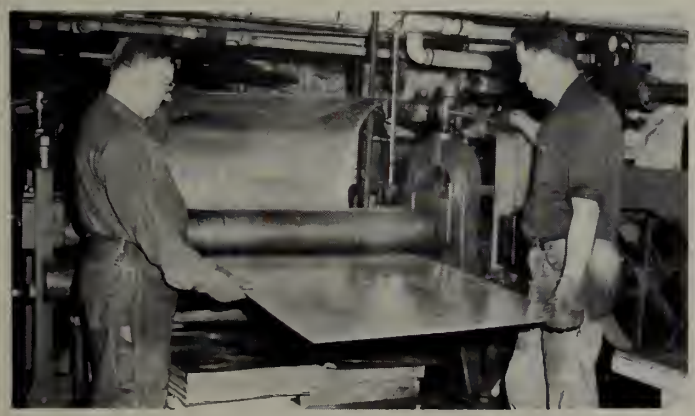
In the lead room Ralph Anderson pours one-pound sticks of solder for use in the Linwood Division. Solder of the proper grade is made by melting 100-pound pigs of tin and lead

Lead Room

Perhaps because Structural Iron originated as the section of the shop which repaired horse-drawn wagons, the department today still carries on surprising functions. Most important of these is the manufacture of 24,000 pounds of solder made in five or six grades from 100-pound pigs of tin and iron. Much of this solder is used in the Linwood Division and another 3500 pounds is shipped yearly to Charlotte. Scrap and dross solder are returned to the Lead Room for reclamation.

The making of solder and other lead products is usually done by Joseph Castonguay who, because of illness, was absent when the pictures were taken. Joe is the man who makes all the lead hammers used in such departments as 416, 417 and 454. He also pours the lead floor blocks, still used at times in Department 436, and about 4000 pounds of balancing leads each year.

When there are openings in Structural Iron, the men selected must, in addition to strength and agility, possess



Power tools speed the production of sheet metal parts. A team of uncle and nephew, Alexander Chiras, left, and Michael Bikes, right, make circular pipe on a power roller. This machine can handle much thicker stock than the 1/16th inch stock shown

Building guards often requires an understanding of the machine on which the guard is installed. Patrick Havalotti completes the installation of a guard in Department 433

Metal Shapers (continued)

Left: This battery of 17-inch exhaust fans is typical of sheet metal work in that it shows a variety of shapes. The guard being installed by Henry Zajac serves a dual purpose. It increases safety and it protects the fan drive from the weather. These fans remove fumes

Below: Sheet Metal employees take it as a matter of course when their work requires them to work at heights above the ground. Seventy-five feet above the Foundry floor, Charles Litchfield carries on routine maintenance on the exhaust of the Rotoclone. This machine separates usable sand from the dust

alert minds, for each job presents new problems. It takes about three years for the average man to learn the skills required of a second-class man.

Sheet Metal

The dividing line between Structural Iron and Sheet Metal is ⅛th of an inch. In general, metal thicker than an eighth is handled by Structural Iron; metal thinner than an eighth is handled by Sheet Metal. There are minor exceptions, and at times the two departments may work on the same project.

On paper, the work of the men in this department sounds simple. In practice, the work is complicated and calls for a high degree of intelligence and skill. The worker has to start with a flat sheet of metal—steel, stainless steel, aluminum, tin, copper, or brass—and, by cold-forming it, persuade it to assume an intricate shape. In addition he must build it to exact shape, often without benefit of sketch or blueprint, transport it in sections to its location in the plant, climb with it to perhaps dizzy heights, bolt it in place, and insulate it if necessary. You may find these men on the roof, high in the foundry, the attic of an office, or in any other corner of the Whitin Machine Works. It is not surprising that most jobs require the use of at least two men.

Using such power tools as seamers, turners, rollers, folders, brakes, shears, drills and welders, the workers in this section cut and fold metal as easily as if it were paper. Most joints are interlocking folds such as standard locks, standing locks, and Pittsburg locks. The men at times work with structural iron workers, masons, plumbers, electricians, and steamfitters. At times they are called on to build parts for new machines being designed at Research.

Products

It is impossible to list all the parts made by these men. They build many air-conditioning ducts, the largest of

which measures 110″ x 14″ times four stories in height. Among other things, they shape and install blowers, guards, dust arresters, fire doors, tanks, baskets, racks, oil pans, metal roofs, cabinets, table tops, benches, trays, foundry ladles and ladle covers, rubbish containers, large electrical boxes, dampers, exhausts, hoods, waste cans and a host of other shapes. In the remaining time the department maintains 500 tenement furnaces.

Foreman James Chiras, 61 Dorchester Street, Worcester, estimates that the stock on hand, if spread out one layer thick, would cover several acres. The department uses some expanded and perforated stock, and has even taken a cautious look at titanium. As this new wonder metal costs $23 a pound it is not expected that its use will be great for some time.

Men interested in sheet metal work should possess, in addition to agility and intelligence, the ability known as spatial visualization—the ability to look at a flat sheet and see it as a completed object. It takes a person about two years to learn the skills required of a third-class man and at least another year to learn the skills required of a second-class man.

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WHO THINKS?

"Joe, the heat is on to cut waste. Do you have any ideas?"

If your Foreman put a question like that to you, how would you respond? Maybe you would think it's his job to think up new ideas, not yours. Or maybe you have never given the problem of waste a thought. Perhaps you have ideas but can't put them into words.

Some workers will see the Foreman's question as a chance to do more than their everyday jobs—a chance to help improve the company. Even if they don't put their ideas into fancy words, they'll make a try at getting them over.

It isn't just the men at the top, who make the Company a success. It's every man who cares enough to put the ideas he has where they'll do the most good.

FRONT COVER: The sawdust-shavings separator is an example of the joint labor of the Structural Iron and Sheet Metal jobs. On the left, Foreman James Chiras watches as John Campbell straightens a hanger on the 30-inch intake. See page 3.

Whitin Personality

Kenneth H. Piper, a soft-spoken, even-tempered person, is a product engineer in charge of the wool and worsted section of the Engineering Department. He has six draftsmen under his supervision.

Ken was born in Sutton, Massachusetts, on November 23, 1908. He attended Sutton High School and later studied nights at Worcester Boys' Trade School. He began work at D. T. Dudley and Sons, a Sutton shuttle shop, in 1924, and later worked for several other companies, including Graton & Knight, Worcester leather manufacturers, before beginning work here as a blueprint clerk in 1928. Ken later became a draftsman, a position he held for twenty years. During World War II he was supervisor of final inspection on all magneto parts. After the war he returned to the Engineering Department where he was assigned to the worsted division. In 1948 he was promoted to his present position.

Ken married Miss Relma Boutilier of Millbury and for two years they resided in that town. Later they moved to Whitinsville and for the past five years have lived at 72 Main Street. Mr. and Mrs. Piper are the parents of 20-year old James, a paratrooper currently stationed in Japan; 18-year old Kenneth, a senior at the Northbridge High School; and 14-year old Ruth who is in the 9th grade of the Northbridge Junior High School.

For recreation Ken watches the football games on television, plays cribbage and follows the fortunes of the Red Sox. He is a member of Granite Lodge, A.F. & A.M., a member of the Whitinsville Trinity Episcopal Church, and from 1949 to 1952 he served on a Boy Scout committee where he assisted in the supervision of the organization's activities.

Men and Steel

Taller than a ten-story building, a blast furnace is a tall round structure in which iron ore is heated with coke and limestone. In the foreground is a settling basin, used to recover fine ore-dust from the stack fumes. In 24 hours this furnace will use 86 railroad carloads of solid materials plus millions of gallons of water to turn out 1,300 tons of pig iron such as is used in the Whitin Foundry

These huge Hulett unloaders scoop 20 tons of ore at each bite as they unload ore from an ore carrier at the Cuyahoga River dock. Riding in cabs directly above the bucket-shaped shovels, the three operators can unload 12,000 tons of ore in about 3½ hours

Near Lake Superior, huge man-made canyons—open pit iron mines—furnish four-fifths of the iron ore used in our annual production of 94 million net tons of ingots and steel for castings. Power shovels and trucks are used to dig and move the reddish, rust-like ore

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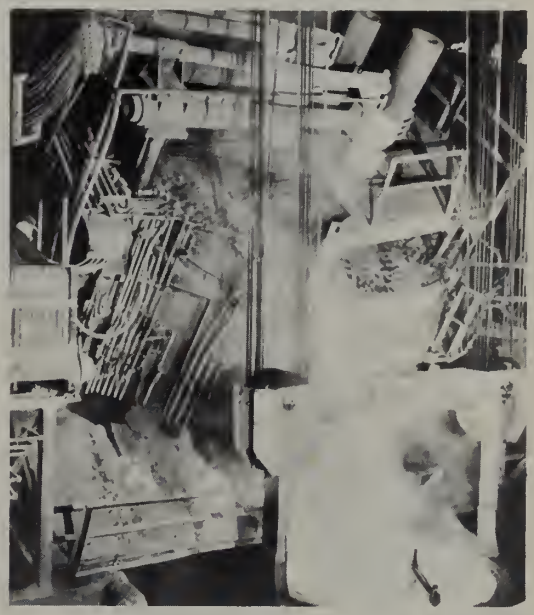
THE next time you note a pile of beer cans rusting by the side of the road you might reflect that iron and steel were once so valuable that in Northbridge it was worth while to burn down old houses and sift the ashes merely to recover the iron nails. Steel, used in tools and weapons, was even more valuable. Yet today steel and iron are so abundant that each year the United States makes and uses thirty-four billion tin cans—750 per family or 200 for every man, woman and child.

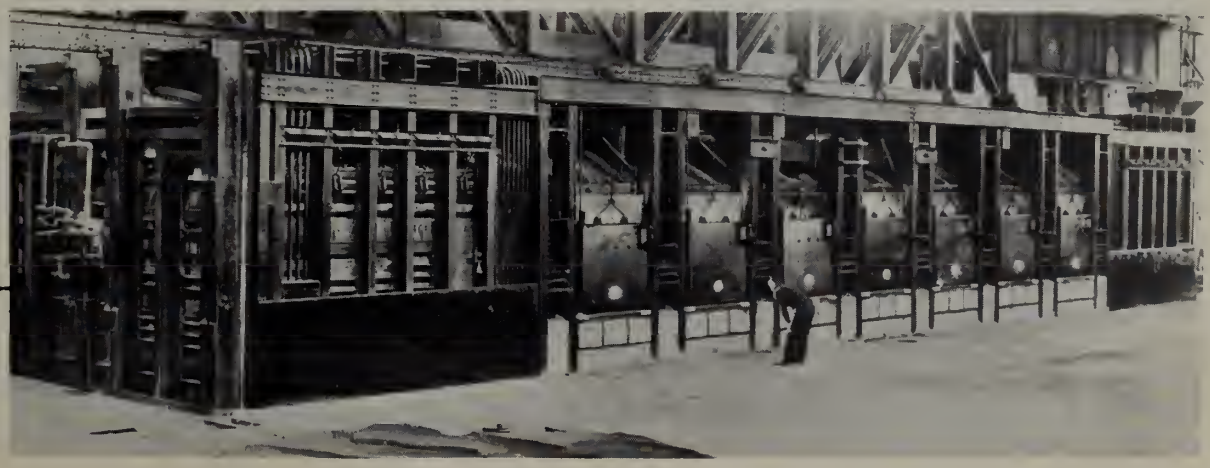
But to the men and women of the Whitin Machine Works iron and steel—the basic materials used in our shop and foundry—are even more important. Without iron and steel there wouldn't be even the tools we use, let alone any Whitin machines.

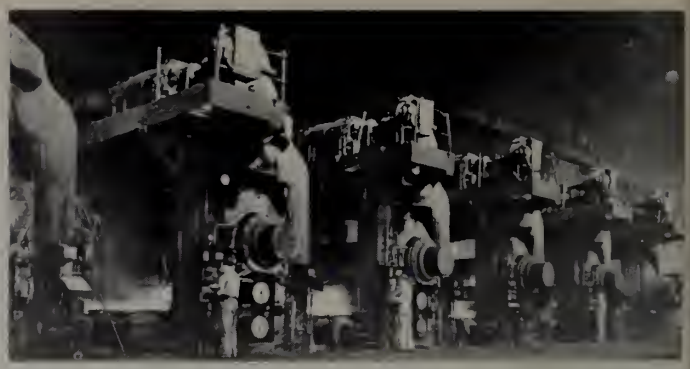
While iron ore, dug from local bogs, was smelted and forged in Whitinsville in colonial days, the story of iron working in Massachusetts perhaps starts at Saugus, Massachusetts. Here, using a big stone furnace fired by charcoal, the Puritans smelted bog ore to get pig iron and then refined the pig iron to get wrought iron. The first steel manufactured in America was made by Samuel Higley of Simsbury, Connecticut, in 1725. (In these early days steel was first used for bayonets and swords.)

But New England deposits of iron ore were thin, and today, with a production in 1953 of 111.6 million net tons of ingots and steel for casting, richer ore deposits are needed. While some ore comes from abroad or from the Eastern, Southern and Western parts of the United States, over 80% of our iron ore comes from the open pit mines of the Great Lakes region.



Above: Steels of the most exacting compositions, such as those used in certain Whitin spindles, are made in electric furnaces such as this one being tipped to pour the molten steel. The pipe-like columns on top of the furnace are the adjustable carbon electrodes. Below: Through the seven doors of this giant open hearth furnace pass limestone, scrap and molten pig iron. As the furnace is heated to 3000 degrees Fahrenheit, a skilled worker watches the color of the slag floating on top of the molten metal, for by so doing he can judge the progress of this batch of 550 tons of steel. Whitin uses a large quantity of open hearth as sheet steel and ring steel





Above: Continuous hot strip mills like this finish coils of strip steel from slabs in one continuous operation. Each stand of rolls of this one-quarter mile long mill squeezes the steel thinner and longer. Each successive set of rolls turns faster to allow for the elongation of the metal. Left: Lifted by crab-like tongs, two glowing steel ingots are raised from the heated pits in which they have been "soaked" to a uniform temperature of about 2200 degrees Fahrenheit, ready for blooming

Men and Steel (continued)

Iron ores are mostly rust-like oxides of iron mixed with sand and clay plus other impurities. To turn ore to pig iron, you need limestone—which is rock made of shells and skeletons of prehistoric sea life which lived in the oceans once covering the continents—and coke, made from a special grade of bituminous coal.

In the Lake Superior district iron ore, which is about half iron, is dug with power shovels in much the same manner in which we dig gravel. Some ore is broken up and washed to form ore concentrates. Other types are ground to dust and baked to form sinter. Sinter and concentrates are shipped to the smelters by rail or ore boat.

The smelter makes the ore into pig iron. Ores, limestone and coke are heated in a hundred-foot tall furnace. The burning coke takes out the oxygen from the ore, and the melting limestone soaks up the impurities to form a melted slag which floats on top of the molten iron. Hot air, far from desirable in a politician, is indispensable in a blast furnace. To make a ton of pig iron, four and one-half tons of hot air pour in at the bottom of the furnace and roar up through the charge. This makes the fire burn faster and the fumes are washed to salvage any ore dust that is going out the stack. Once a blast furnace is lit, it remains in continuous operation for as long as nine years. Every four or five hours from 100 to 300 tons of molten iron is tapped.

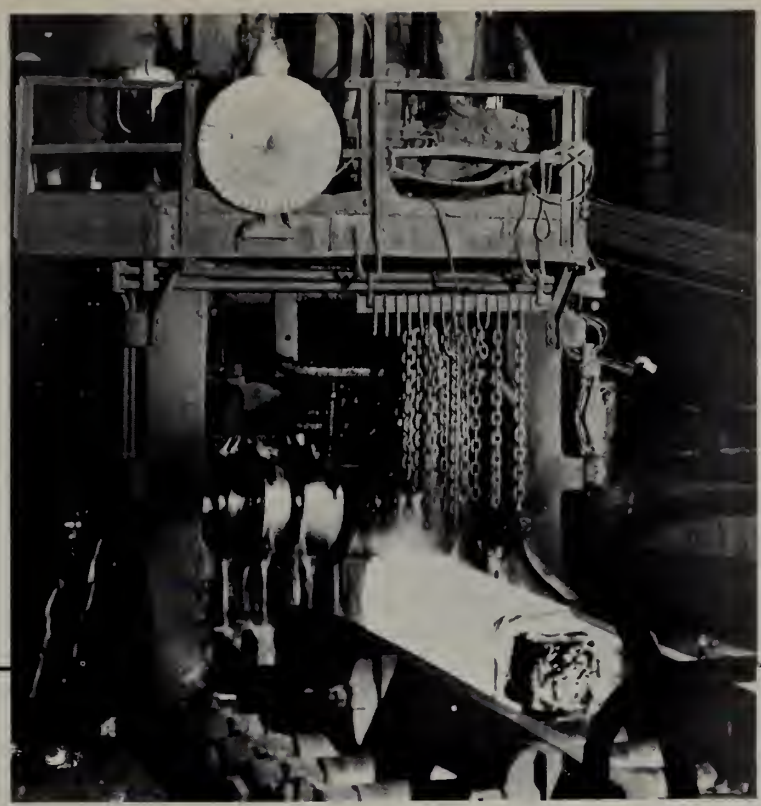
Some of this iron is cast into pigs such as are used in the Whitin foundry. Most of it is put into a hot metal car—a giant thermos bottle on wheels—and carried to the steelmaking furnaces. These furnaces may be bessemer, open hearth, or electric. Whitin uses steel made by each of these methods, for each type has certain desirable characteristics.

Steel is iron containing as alloys a certain percentage of carbon plus combinations of up to twenty other elements. Making steel has been compared to making a cake, but if a Whitinsville housewife made a cake with the precision of steelmaking, she would have to measure her ingredients to the ten-thousandth of an ounce! The steelmaker tosses in a pinch of columbium, chromium, tungsten, cobalt, manganese or other elements depending on the properties desired in the steel.

Bessemer steel is easy to machine, and for that reason Whitin uses a lot of it in departments such as 411. Bessemer steel is made in a converter, a pear-shaped, tilting vessel made of steel plates lined with heat resisting bricks and clay. A common size will hold 15 tons of molten pig iron. The converter has a double bottom, the lower portion of which is an air chamber. Above this is the bottom of the vessel itself, perforated with holes through which the air is blown.

In charging, the converter is tilted on its side and pig iron is poured in through the open top. It is then returned to a vertical position as the blast is turned on. Brilliant sparks burst forth, followed by dense brown fumes and dark red flames which mean that the silicon and manganese are being burned out. After five minutes or so the flame becomes longer and brilliantly luminous as the carbon burns out. After ten to fifteen minutes more the flame suddenly dies down, indicating that the process or blow is complete except for adding ferroalloys. Nearly 5 per cent of the steel made today is produced by this process.

Much of the steel Whitin uses, and 87% of all steel made in the country, is produced in open hearth furnaces. The open hearth is shaped something like a child's wading pool on stilts. Inside the hearth flames sweep back and forth over the charge. Because of



The white-hot steel ingot is possed back ond forth between the rolls of o king-size wringer called o blooming mill. This squeezes the steel to the desired shape. Here two passes hove already been made

the open hearth, steel never grows old. Today's jalopy becomes tomorrow's limousine; the sorry harvest of an attic cleanup campaign may become armor on a heavy cruiser.

Even the burning fuel oil, tar, or gas that melts the charge of pig iron, scrap and limestone does double duty. As flames sweep over the charge, first from one end of the furnace, then from the other, much of the heat in their exhaust is stored in bricks that are used to preheat the incoming air and fuel. The open hearth shown has a capacity of 550 tons every 12 to 16 hours.

The electric furnace makes the thoroughbreds of the steel family, and for that reason Whitin uses such steel for certain parts. Melted by the crackling arcs in intense heat, the electric furnace produces stainless and heat-resistant steels from selected scrap.

Once made, steel is poured into ingots for rolling or forging. In their cast iron molds these ingots are cooled from the outside in, and the several sections of an ingot possess varying properties. Ingots are heated or "soaked" for several hours to make their plasticity uniform. These ingots are rolled into the semifinished forms of blooms, billets, and slabs by blooming mills. Other mills make these into structural shapes, sheet steel, wire, pipe and rolled strip.

Last year the Whitin Machine Works' Foundry used 13,141,597 pounds of pig iron, 4,454,950 pounds of scrap iron, 11,795,615 pounds of sprues, bottom and overmelt, and 2,985,650 pounds of scrap steel. In addition to the above quantities, the Machine Shop used 11,150,000 pounds of steel. The quality of the metals we use is rigorously checked by our staff of laboratory workers under Metallurgist Harold Mattioli.

Harold Mattioli, our Metallurgist, is checking on the microscope the quality of steel received in a recent shipment

Northbridge Agencies Receive Needed Funds

That the Northbridge Agencies Fund drive has gone over the top in its drive to raise $15,000 is eloquent testimony of the generosity of those who live, work, or are interested in Northbridge. Warm-hearted residents and non-residents joined forces to make the local drive one of the few drives in Massachusetts to exceed its goal this year.

Whitin employees played a major role in this successful effort by giving a total of $8,241.75. In expressing his gratitude to all those who made this gift possible, Northbridge Agencies President F. O. Rizer said, "Two factors made it possible for us to reach our goal this year. First, 862 Whitin employees gave $4,549.50 through payroll deductions. Second, 605 non-resident Whitin employees gave $1,974—about a quarter of the total raised in the Whitin Machine Works. We are most grateful to all who helped make the drive a success."

Many others not employed in the Whitin Machine Works gave with equal generosity. Employees of the Whitinsville Spinning Ring Company gave $1,253. Businessmen contributed $821. Employees of Kupfer Brothers raised $253, and estate gifts, many from persons not residing in Northbridge, totalled $4,459. Civic organizations, clubs, housewives, school teachers and others also made donations.

The total raised will permit each of the seven participating organizations to receive the full amount it requested. The only expenses connected with this drive are for the printing of posters, subscription blanks, stickers, and for stamps and advertising. The total costs were $150. All those who gave, and all who helped in the drive, may take pride in a job well done.

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December 16, 1954

Whitin Machine Works
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Attn: Mr. J. H. Bolton, Sr.- President

Dear Mr. Bolton:

The Northbridge Agencies, Inc. Officers and Board of Directors, together with the seven participating agencies, wish to thank the Whitin Machine Works Employees for the excellent response to their drive for funds.

I am sure that each person who contributed will be proud to know that the goal has been reached and that each of the seven agencies will receive a full share of the amount raised.

Yours truly,

F. O. RIZER
PRESIDENT

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The letter Mr. Bolton received from Northbridge Agencies President, F. O. Rizer, thanking the employees of Whitin Machine Works for their generous contributions

HOBBY—Raising Beef Cattle

"Why do I raise beef cattle? Well, I'll give you two good reasons," laughed Phil Johnson, Cost Department. "First, I'm fond of animals. Second, I'm fond of beefsteak—broiled medium rare with butter, salt and pepper. And of course my fifteen Herefords keep the brush down in the pasture and keep the fields fertilized."

Phil, who has been employed by Whitin for thirty years, bought his first Hereford four years ago. Later he purchased a bull and three year-old heifers. All of this breeding stock is purebred and is registered with the American Hereford Association, Kansas City, Missouri. Phil hopes to have six breeding cows. In addition he is raising seven steers.

The gestation period of cattle is nine months. In the planned life of Phil's herd, births usually occur in May when the grass is green. At birth the calves weigh about eighty pounds; four weeks later a hundred and fifty. They will remain with their mother until September, at which time the calf weighs about 400 pounds.

Bull calves are altered so that they will become steers when they are from three to six months of age. As steers their role is merely to grow large, get fat, and wind up as steak. At two years, after fattening for three months, a steer will weigh from 1200 to 1400 pounds.

Phil estimates that about 55 per cent of this weight is meat. Of this 55 per cent a third is bone. A full-grown steer gives Phil about six-hundred pounds of clear meat, of which Phil stores a good share in his frozen food locker.

The cattle, like most animals given gentle and loving care, are affectionate, and will follow the Johnsons around the fields and pastures. Fed once a day, the cattle wait for Phil each evening. There is a tendency, Phil reports, to form a sentimental attachment for the creatures, for each has a distinct personality. For example, Hildegarde, Phil's wife, will sincerely regret the death of the fine fat fellow being patted by Phil. This bouncing baby steer will have hit the gravy trail by the time this appears.

Because the animals are really large pets, Phil is glad that the actual slaughtering is done by a Milford butcher for $5.00 and the hide. It costs another seven cents a pound to have the meat cut up and packaged. Live weight, the steers are worth about 16½c a pound—about $235 each.

It requires about twenty acres of pasture and fifteen acres of hay land to feed the herd. Each animal uses about two tons of hay a winter. Each spring Phil spreads thirty loads of manure plus a ton and a half of commercial fertilizer back on the fields.

"My hobby is a good one for a person who has the land, likes animals, and likes to work in the open. Remember, a steer needs from three to five acres of land, and fences of stone or wire to keep him in bounds. It is certainly not a get-rich-quick hobby, but I take pride in developing good animals."

Phil Johnson, Cost Department, admits to a liking for animals and a liking for beefsteak. Here he checks the condition of a 1400-pound steer who has fattened on a hay and grain diet. The barn in the background, built of hurricane lumber for use as a dairy barn, shelters the animals in winter

KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

ROVING SMALL PARTS AND ROVING ERECTING

by Mary Hugley

The other day we had a visit from Fred Tucker who told us he was retiring after the first of the year. Fred looked well in spite of having been out on sick leave. . . . Alfred Emond and family have moved into their new home in Rhode Island. . . . Joseph Jacques had a job the other day painting a post, so he asked Lester Murray to help him. When the job was finished you could not tell which was the post and which was Lester. . . . Joe has still another dog. He said this one won't chew up everything in the house as the other one did. . . . We wish Ira Naroian good luck on his new job. He is now on the Bolster Job. . . . We welcome Mary Whalen to our department.

GENERAL MACHINING

by Ken Harrington

We hope that everyone had a good holiday and is now ready to get back to work. . . . Lionel Grondines says he would like to start a helping hand club and make Marcel Plante the president. I'll vote for Marcel. . . . "Dom" Bornbredi and his girl have set the date. Dom will be married on February 12. . . . Ed Krajewski and Mrs. Krajewski have been blessed with an 8-pound baby girl. That is two girls in a row for Ed. . . . Leo Mullen and Oliver Baker make this month's Oscar award to Arthur Ashworth.

Pete Babowitch, our auto repair man, says he hasn't done much lately due to the cold weather. . . . John Malley, who used to tell such good fish stories, has been quiet about his fishing of late. I hope John doesn't think we disbelieve his stories. . . . We are happy to report that the fire we had was quickly put out and that damage was slight. We are proud of the fire fighters we have at 423. Matt Krujewski was right in the middle of everything. There is still one thing that bothers me. Where was Leo Mullen during the fire? . . . The Oscar for November went to Art Mikulsky, our crib man.

PUNCH PRESSES AND PLANER JOB

by Joe Hern

First of all, we want to welcome back William Arnett, Lucien Berube and John Thiebault. Lucien has returned after spending two years of active service with the Army, stationed at Fort Devens, Aberdeen Proving Grounds and Fort Belvoir. He seems happy to be back again with the department. Army life wasn't too bad for him for he certainly looks good after serving his enlistment. . . . We wish Henrico Pandolfi the best of luck in his new duties at Department 428. . . . George Mandeville and Mrs. Mandeville celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary recently at the Abner Wheeler House in Framingham. Friends and relatives were on hand to help celebrate the occasion. It was also Mrs. Mandeville's birthday. . . . Archie Bodoian, our shear helper, is building a new house on Douglas Road by Lackey Dam. . . . Well, the president of the 412 Liberace Club, Veronica Mahoney, recently attended Liberace's pe sonal appearance in Providence and e joyed it immensely. . . . Arthur Brama is a grandfather again for the second tin in the past three months. . . . Co gratulations to Willard Dalrymple, plann in Department 412, on his recent marriag to the former Nancy Fleiser of Marlbor Mass. They now make their home i Marlboro. On their wedding trip the visited Washington, D. C., Virginia an Atlantic City. . . . Our sympathies a extended to Shear Hand George Mande ville who is recuperating at the Whitinsvill Hospital after suffering a strained leg. H must miss those little arguments with Jo Hern while at the hospital.

BOLSTER JOB

by Charles Kheboian

We have three men in our departmen who celebrated their wedding anniversarie recently. Job Cournoyer was married fo 34 years in October. The month of Novem ber saw the 34th wedding anniversary o Edward Bibeau. Alec Pawelcyk celebrate his anniversary by taking his wife t Boston to see the celebrated Liberace . . . Walter Turpak got his hunting license in Uxbridge. Fortunately someon later asked to see his license. Walte discovered that he had purchased a fishing license by mistake. Imagine trying to explain that to a game warden! . . . Lindsay Harding heard that there were many quahogs at Bob Cochrane's place on Hog Island. Lindsay went there, put the pail on the beach, started a fire, and waited for the quahogs to appear. It was a long wait. . . . Frank Machacz received his 15-year pin from Divisional Superintendent Jacob Dejong. . . . Tony Destafanis, Walter Fierly, Manning Arnold, and Walter Turpak were among the Bolster Job's deer hunters. . . . Ray Blizard gave blood in October. Ray and Mrs. Blizard saw cinerama in Boston. . . . We say "Hurry back" to Dorio Boulanger, who is out because of illness. . . . Dowd Perron has painted his house for the third time within a few years. He has hopes that the paint will not peel this time.

Joseph Courteau, Roll Job, retired November 24, 1954, after 49 years in the Shop. Donald Sangster presented him with a purse given by his associates

Albert, age 4, is the son of Albert Destrempes of the Cast Department

TOOL JOB

by George Jones

Another deer season has passed with no Tool Job casualties. John Cencak, Albert Trajanowski, and Phil Ferraro represented the night shift, and Alvin Wahlman of the day shift went out one day. Phil killed a doe weighing 100 lbs. . . . The new milling hand is Bob Hamblin who was transferred from the Scraping Job. Bob owns his own house in Millville, where he lives with his wife, six-year-old daughter, and month-old son. As a hobby he repairs watches. . . . The new shaper hand is Francis Lockwood, who also comes from Millville and was transferred from the Scraper Job. He is married and has three daughters. . . . James Shaw, Methods Department, invited Roy Lermond, Tool Job, and Wendall Piper, Card Cylinders, to ride home with him one rainy afternoon. At 4:00 o'clock Jim went to his car and waited for the others. After a lot of traffic had passed, Jim looked across the street and saw Roy and Piper sitting in another car just like his. . . . At this writing, Homer Adams, Tool Job Office, is still on the sick list. We wish him a speedy recovery. . . . Tom Postma was afraid he might miss something important in the *Boston Globe* Sport Section, so he bought a pair of glasses. . . . Harmon Miedema donated another pint of blood.

"So what if your Dad's a foreman. *Mine's* got a picture of Marilyn Monroe!"

NICKEL PLATING AND PARKERIZING

by Edmond Leduc

Personality of the month: We selected Irene Milkman as our personality because she is the only woman employee connected with Department 431. Irene was born in Gloucester, Massachusetts, January 12, 1894, and was graduated from the East Douglas High School. Upon graduating, Irene studied nursing at the Rhode Island State Hospital but illness intervened and she had to cease her studies with only a few more months to go. By all of us she is regarded as a nurse, a person to whom we can talk about our illnesses and sometimes receive professional advice. Irene also has fine talent in voice and piano, having studied these throughout her early life. Today Irene has two grown sons, Gordon E. and Russell I. Gordon, who is employed as motor dispatcher in the Whitin Garage, has made his mother happy by presenting her with three grandchildren of whom Irene is very proud. Her hobbies consist of crocheting and traveling. She is also an ardent Liberace fan, a subject upon which she receives much friendly chiding. Irene has completed twelve years of loyal service at the Whitin Machine Works and presently resides at 21 Overlook St., Whitinsville.

If anyone sees Adrien Peloquin of the Oil Room walking around with a look of contentment on his face, it's because Adrien has finally gotten his car running satisfactorily. Adrien says that, after the other two motors burned out, number three looks like it will stand up. We hope so, although the new cars on the market today are certainly tempting to buy. . . . Now that the holiday season is over, we understand that a few of our employees are instructing their kiddies in the proper way to play with their toys. We wonder if they are doing this for their children's sake, or is it because some of us use our children as excuses to buy electric trains, erector sets, games, etc for our own use?

SPINNING SMALL PARTS

by Jake Sohigian

Personality of the month: Alpheage Morin, known to everyone on the job as Doc Morin, was born in Lawrence, Mass., on December 9, 1913. He is married to the former Amanda Pelioquin of Canada. They have two children—Ronald, age 7, and Muriel, age 16. Prior to entering Whitin in 1935, Doc was educated in the parochial schools. All of his service at Whitin has been in Department 429. Formerly a group leader, at present, because of business conditions, he is a crib attendant. Doc has worked under four foremen: Walker, Sid Dufries, Benner, and John Dufries. A well-known oil dealer in Linwood, his hobbies are television and fishing. He is a great "kidder" and a great asset to his department.

Anne Louise, age 6, is the daughter of Albert Destrempes

After serving in the Armed Forces for fifteen months, Ray Dumais has returned to his old job. He was stationed in Korea and on Guam. Ray is looking fine, and a welcome mat is set out for him for a job well done. . . . Franny Forsythe came home from bowling one night and, much to his surprise, found he was locked out. Only the gentle barking of his pet dog kept Franny from a prolonged embarrassment. . . . Congratulations to John Dufries on his 35th wedding anniversary. . . . Wilfred St. Jean's famous saying, "Cool off," has swept the job like wildfire—it's on everyone's lips.

George Hamm is the Spindle Job personality of the month

SPINDLE JOB

by Ed Bates

Personality: George H. Hamm started work as a yardhand in 1940. About 1945 he was transferred to the Spindle Job where he is now a grinderhand. The machine he operates is used to grind the chamfer at the top of the whorl on the aluminum sleeve spindle. George is married and is building a home on Highland Street in Northbridge. . . . Ed Bates, your reporter, will now be seen around town in a 1950 Chevrolet.

CARD SMALL PARTS AND CYLINDERS

by George Forsythe

Personality: Gordon Thomson, who was born in Uxbridge on July 2, 1923, attended the elementary schools in Uxbridge and St. Mary's High School in Milford. He began work at the Whitin Machine Works in 1941 as an apprentice. He enlisted in the Army in November, 1942, and served until February, 1946. Gordon returned to the Whitin Machine Works in September, 1946. On September 11, 1948, Gordon married Miss Gertrude Pepin of Worcester. They are now the parents of a son, Kenneth, age 5. Gordon's hobby is fishing. He also enjoys baseball and is a great Red Sox fan.

We welcome Millie Turgeon back to this department. Millie was transferred from Department 449. . . . A month ago we welcomed Kenneth Johnson. Now we wish him good luck in his new location, for Ken has been transferred to Department 450. . . . Belated birthday greetings are extended to Bob Stewart, our Divisional Superintendent, who celebrated his birthday on December 3, and to Leo Drainville, who celebrated his on December 13. Birthday greetings also go to Henry Beaudoin and Glen Leveille who celebrated their birthdays on January 21. . . . We of Department 422 and 419 hope every one had a Merry Christmas and we wish every one a happy and prosperous New Year.

ROLL JOB

by Lew Lyman

Our personality for January is a quiet fellow who runs a grinder. John Hendrickson was born in Sweden in 1893. He lived there for nineteen years. In 1912 he came to this country to be with his brother, who then lived in Uxbridge, and to start work on the Roll Job. With the exception of two years of farming and one year in the Army during World War I, John has been making himself useful on the Roll Job since 1912. His first task was straightening rolls. He also has worked on most of the machines in the department. John married Miss Winifred McKenzie of Whitinsville in 1922. They have a son and a daughter. John spends most of his spare time working around the home he owns on Church Street.

On November 24, the members of the department, met in a group near the office to give a little gift, to have a picture taken, and to say, "So long" to a fellow worker who had been with us for a long time. Forty-nine years and ten months had

Gordon Thomson, Department 422 personality of the month, is known as a Red Sox fan

passed since Joe Courteau began work on the Roll Job. He was not just another guy doing a job, but he made himself an important part of the department. He did a little bit of everything, but most important, he was happy and he made others happy. His smile and cheery "hello" were known not only to the members of our department, but to all those who happened to pass through. We sincerely wish Joe and Mrs. Courteau many years of continued happiness.

Joe Reneau has left us to serve on jury duty. We hope he has an interesting and enjoyable experience. . . . It is nice to see Wilfred Reneau back on the Job. He was transferred to Department 428 about a year ago. . . . We thank John Onanian for being our reporter for the past four years.

FOUNDRY PRODUCTION CONTROL OFFICE

by Earl Briggs

Starting with this issue of the SPINDLE we shall endeavor to cover news of all personnel in the Foundry Production Control Office including Wage Standards Timekeeping, Core Room Personnel, as well as Production Department employees . . . First of all, we may be a little late but we want to say "Welcome" to Shirley Benjamin, who is our new ditto operator . . . Does anyone have an alarm clock they're not using? Joe Mercak has a little inconvenience with his. If he wants it to ring at 6 o'clock he has to set it for 8:30 and turn it face down on the night table to make it run. Depending on the mood it's in, it may ring at 5:00 or 5:30. Joe has asked for donations and says he feels sure Jerry Turner will chairman the drive to raise funds. . . . Incidentally, probably Romeo Tellier could use a wrist alarm. Romeo went out to the parking lot to sit in his car during lunch hour and it was so comfortable he dozed off and didn't awaken for 1 o'clock. At approximately 1:45 in walked Romeo, well-rested and well-embarrassed. . . . The Foundry Production Control Office Christmas Party was held jointly with Foundry Personnel and the Pattern Loft during the lunch hour on December 23. Mrs. Nadeau catered the lunch and joke gifts were exchanged by all. Everyone enjoyed the festivities. We express our thanks to Joe Guidi of the Foundry Office who had charge of all arrangements. . . . Heard and Seen Department: Bradley Brown rushing out at the sound of the fire whistle, with Broadhurst close behind. . . . John Horan and Russ Lupien debating who will follow whom to Worcester in bad weather. . . . Bird Talk (Parakeets), by the way, have you ever seen one with two mouths? . . . Grace Heath's picture in her bathing suit in the "good old days," next summer's preview of fashions. . . . Broady's wide assortment of "plaid" neckties (they're authentic, too). . . . The smoke clouds from Herb Lindblom's cigars. . . . Tom Queenan discussing the nutritional value of Tru-ade.

John Hendrickson is the Roll Job personality of the month

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

by Harold Libby

Receiving 15-year pins were William Morrisette and Lorenzo Noel. Receiving 5-year pins were Roland Dunn and Leo Gauthier. . . . The department held its Christmas party, complete with Santa Claus and a decorated tree, at Gus's Tavern, on Saturday, December 18.

FOUNDRY

by Armand Roberts

Our Foundry personality for the month of January is Albert J. Tardie who was born in Woonsocket, R. I. on August 6, 1921. He received his education in Woonsocket, where he attended parochial and public schools. Albert has been employed here for 8½ years. He was a bench molder before he went on the Shell Molding Job. He served 3½ years in the Army during World War II. He saw service in England, France, Belgium and Germany.

One of the big days in Albert's life was June 21, 1947, when he married Lillian Vandermoortele, also of Woonsocket. The ceremony took place at St. Joseph's Church, Woonsocket, R I At present the Tardie family make their home at 87 Elm Street, Woonsocket, R. I.

We have a hunting story this month. A certain individual here in the Foundry went on a hunting expedition and naturally took along his "fateful" hunting dog. The story told by the gentleman is that the dog drowned in a few inches of water! We would like to ask two questions. Was the dog so excited from an extra abundance of game that he tangled himself up in trying to turn every which way at once and so fell on his face and drowned? Or, did he meet his fate because of lack of cooperation with the Hunter? Of course we'll never know. . . . Congratulations are in order for the following men who recently received their 15-year service pins: Nicholas Creasia, William O'Brien, Ernest Julien, Edgar Parent, Rocco Merolli and Lawrence Maloney. The Retirement Committee submits the following report:

Previous Balance.....	$22.49
Collection.....	32.25
Present Balance.....	$54.74

BOX JOB

by Alice Travaille

Jim Dorsey was one of the lucky people to go away for the long Thanksgiving week end. He spent it in Washington, D. C. . . . Alfred Labrecque spent one week in Whitinsville Hospital with an infected knee. We were happy to see him resume work. . . . Birthday greetings for January go to Paul Grenon.

In the foreground, flanked by individual trophies, is the Little League President's trophy which was presented to the Browns, winners of the league. ALL STARS, kneeling, from the left: Bat boys Richie Piper and Joe Roy. 1st row, from the left: Allen Lightbown, Dennis Feen, Henry Haggerty, David Piper, Jim Leonard, Dick Feen, Donald Blette. 2nd row, from the left: Dennis Sughrue, Peter Haggerty, Edward Murray. 3rd row, from the left: Ken Arakelian, Joe Jackman, Charlie Whelan, Charlie Peix, John Swart, Leo Mahoney. Co-Managers Leo Roy and Jack Ratcliffe are shown in the rear

YOUNG ATHLETES HONORED

A Sports Night, honoring members of the Northbridge Little League and Intermediate League, was held at the Whitin Community Gymnasium, November 29. The Little League All Stars, 1954 Champions of Region 1 and District 2, beamed with pride as they posed with their new jackets and gold plaques. The jackets were a gift from the people in the town of Northbridge and the gold plaques were a league award. Jack Ratcliffe and Leo Roy, co-managers, received pen and pencil sets from the players and the bat boys were presented baseball gloves.

The Phillies, 1954 Intermediate League and Play-off Champions, were awarded green and white coat sweaters at the Sports Night on November 29. Robert G. McKaig, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission, made the presentation.

PHILLIES—Intermediate League Champions: Front row, from the left: Bruce Davidson, Pete Harper, Ronnie Vermette, Gary Maynard, Ralph Andonian. 2nd row, from the left: Carl Harper, Walter Convent, Lou Lucier, Manager; Leo Gosselin. 3rd row, from the left: Jim Wassenar, Robert Couvette, Paul Lebonte, Jim Berkowicz. Absent when picture was taken: Armand Gagon, Assistant Manager; and Charles Plante

RESEARCH DIVISION

by Bernice Taylor and John Baker

The deer season has come and gone, but it certainly was exciting while it lasted. Chick Corron was one of the lucky ones who came home with a deer. Congratulations on his good shooting. . . . It is a pleasure to welcome back Ted Gaczynski, who recently returned after a long illness. . . . Wally Caron received a wedding invitation from Jose Moguel in Mexico. Jose was a student here for several months and we all join in sending our congratulations and best wishes. . . . Al Toomey is a little discouraged about his attempt at cooking the holiday turkey. It seems he had a new way of preparing the said bird, but when he took the turkey from the oven, behold it was raw! What happened, Al? Never mind, there are other holidays and other turkeys. . . . Happy December birthday to Jeff Manning.

The personality of this month is Kenneth Stanley of the Machine Shop. Ken was born in Whitinsville in 1920. His family moved to Upton, when he was quite young, and Ken started his education there. Then they moved to Marlboro, and Ken finished his schooling there, graduating from Marlboro High in 1938. After graduating, Ken went to work for Kupfer Brothers and remained with that company for a year. In 1940, Ken came to Whitin Machine Works as an apprentice to study tool making. He finished his apprenticeship and in 1943 he joined the Navy. While in the Service Ken attended Torpedo School. On completing that course he volunteered for submarine service.

Ken is very much interested in taking pictures and he has an excellent collection of colored slides. He says his favorite subject is taking pictures of the Christmas decorations around the neighborhood. Ken is also quite a golfer and a baseball player. In 1942, Ken was married to Esther Wilson of Northbridge. The Stanleys have their own home in Upton. They have one daughter, Gayle, who is eight years old. Ken has been down here at Research since the building opened. He is a quiet fellow, and pleasant and friendly to all.

Research Division held their annual Christmas Party at Chicken Pete's in Milford on Saturday, December 18. Everyone had a most enjoyable evening.

The female contingent of Research, namely Eileen Holmes, Jean Champagne, Bea Cant, Virginia Burke and Bernice Taylor had a small party during the noon hour on December 24. Gifts were exchanged and we all had a good time.

So another year has passed, and may this New Year of 1955, be a better and more prosperous one for all.

SPINNING, CARD ERECTING AND POLISHING

by Francis Horan

About this time of the year your New Year's resolutions must be about taken care of—one way or the other. Let's hope a better and more prosperous year is coming. . . . This idea of a state-wide curfew for youngsters, unless accompanied by parents, seems like a good idea according to parents I have talked with. . . . Albert Bowyer is a hard man to convince. On the occasion of Winston Churchill's birthday, Bill Leclaire told Albert that he had sent a congratulatory birthday card to 10 Downing Street a week before the event. Albert's response was "You're kidding." Fortunately, Bill Hall, who had seen the card and knew that it had been mailed, was able to back up Leclaire's statement. Both Bills say that, after all, Canada is under the same Queen as England and that they see nothing wrong in beating Albert to it. . . . Bill Collins spent a few days—a week end in fact—in New York recently in the good company of one of the members of our police force. . . . Ken Proctor was a member of the Army Reserve committee which sponsored a huge and greatly appreciated Christmas party at one of the Worcester orphanages. . . . Clint White, Bob Couture, and Bill Hall completed their deer-hunting season. That's it. . . . Harry Cornell said that the best show on Church Street was seen recently by those watching from good vantage points while Francis Marshall located the money slot in the meter. Harry claims Francis had a string attached for an automatic coin return. . . . Celebrating birthdays in December were Manuel Oliver, Kenneth Proctor, Clint White, and Armand Henault. . . . December wedding anniversaries were observed by Bob Williams, Tom McCallum, and Alfred Nolet. . . . Rapisardi Bosco, who was recently recalled to work on the Polishing Job, celebrated his wedding anniversary in November.

CORE ROOM

by John Kurowski

We are glad to see two of our formerly sick members back at work. Joe Baillargeon and Varkis Asadoorian have returned to work after recuperating. As of this writing Arthur Arpin is still on the sick list. We wish him a quick recovery . . . If anyone finds a hat between D Street and Joe Top's, please return it care of the Core Room. . . . Bedros Almasian is waiting for Santa to bring him a new hat. That's quite a stiff breeze between those ponds, Bedros. . . . Larry Maloney, I am told, took second prize in a jitterbug contest held in Blackstone. They say he had first prize cinched, had he not forgotten to take off his hat. I always said that boy had a lot of talent.

Assistant Fire Chief "Si" Hemenway of the Core Room Annex had an embarrassing moment on Thanksgiving week end. He answered an alarm at the Powerhouse with his emergency truck. He rushed in and had the fire under control in no time, but when he came out he found his truck on fire. There he needed assistance, and got it from Fire Company No. 1. A short circuit was the cause of all the commotion.

I understand Henry Baker has gone into the secondhand car business. . . . Omer Parent and Francis Shugrue attended the H.C.-B.C. game at Boston. Loyal fans to the end. . . . Jeff Oliver was seen riding around town in one of those foreign cars. His son, Chief Petty Officer Harold Oliver, brought it with him from England. Harold is spending a short furlough here. . . . Three more Core Room men have been called back to work. George Steiner, Florent Verrier and Rene Pelletier are all working the Foundry at present.

Lloyd Flint of Woge Standards, who began work here August 17, 1929, retired on November 24, 1954. M. Lynn Richardson presented him with an electric razor, the gift of his fellow employees

TIN CYLINDER, PAINT AND CREEL JOBS

by Dorsey Devlin

The Tin Job held its annual Christmas party at the Embassy Club, Woonsocket, on Thursday evening, December 9. The repast consisted of turkey and steak. Paul Rutana introduced the members of the job and their wives. Dancing followed, with the evening concluded by a grand march in honor of our newly-wedded couple, Bobby and Arline Campo. Our congratulations to Lucien Paulhus, Paul Madigar, and Marco Bolduc for planning the fine party. . . . Our best wishes to Eddie Horan who is confined to the hospital while his tonsils are being removed. . . . Bobby Campo is the new member of the Tin Cylinder Entertainment Committee, replacing Paul Madigar who has resigned. . . . Tony Petrillo and John Kapolka have been recalled. At the moment John is out because of sickness. Our best wishes to him for a speedy recovery. . . . Frank Gucfa was among the lucky nimrods to bag a deer. On December 6 Frank brought down a nine-point, 190-pound buck in the Berkshires. . . . Al Lucier, parts-in-process man on the Paint Job, has a farm stocked with two cows, a horse, chickens, ducks, geese, and rabbits plus fruit orchard and vegetable garden. . . . Joe Brooks, Bob Rondeau, and Ross Rajotte are all ex-lumber yard men who made good on the Paint Job. . . . Al Lozier still looks as chipper at 58 years as he did when he played a good game at 2nd base. . . . Claude Bolduc was installed recently as adjutant of the Oliver Ashton Post No. 343, American Legion, in Northbridge. . . . Francis Shea is a busy man of late, for he attends school in Boston two nights a week, does his home work, and sells real estate in his spare time. . . . Leo Leduc is sporting around in a new Ford. . . . Rosairio Picotte spends his evenings selling stainless steel kitchen ware. . . . The new foreman's clerk on the Creel Job is Cecilia Normandin who replaced Helen Fayard. Helen was recently married and is now living in Charleston, South Carolina.

MILLING JOB

by Arthur LeClaire

In the past I have received, from time to time, complaints that a news item has not appeared in the SPINDLE. If you have any news that is worthy of being printed, please let me know so that I can write it up and send it in. . . . Ed Bouthiette received his 15-year service pin. . . . Sidney Vandersea of the night shift killed an 80-pound spikehorn buck on opening day of deer season in Petersham. . . . Birthday wishes to Russell Palmer, Robert Wright, Noel Arel, George Dawe, Stephen Bombara and Maxine Goyette.

E. K. Swift, Sr. congratulates W. D. Lyerly on his 42 years of faithful service to the Whitin Machine Works. Mr. Lyerly, a serviceman from the Charlotte Office, retired in December. Shown at the servicemen's annual dinner held at the Golf Club on December 9, 1954, are, from the left: R. J. McConnell, W. J. Dunleavy, W. D. Lyerly, E. Kent Swift, Sr., and J. Hugh Bolton

The Whitin Community Association Girls' Swimming Team, which includes some of the outstanding women swimmers in New England, now holds almost all of the Worcester County League records for 60 foot and 75 foot pools. From the left: 1st row—Patricia Babineau, Ruth Piper, Judy Simmons, and Mary MacIntyre; 2nd row—Kathy Smith, Lorraine Andersan, Ginny Smithers, Marilyn Brouwer, and Sandra Carpenter. Ann Houghton and Eleonor Prew were not present when the picture was taken

MYSTERY PHOTO—In the December Photo Mystery, on the left, were: Charlie Brown, Arthur Dufries, and Robert Brown. The employee on the right works in an office

Among those who entertained at the Department 428 Christmas Party were Michael Swiszcz, Bill Pare, and Bernard Gervais

BOOSTER DART JOB

by Marion Larsen

For the benefit of those who didn't go to the Christmas Party, I would like to tell you of the wonderful time that was had by all. The party was held at the Klondike Inn, December 4. A turkey dinner was served family style. After everyone had his fill, a little entertainment was in order.

When Joe Hickey looked around the department he found some talent, much to our surprise. Mike Swiszcz played the guitar and harmonica, Bernard Gervais the accordion, and Wendall Piper the piano. That was music we all enjoyed. Bill Pare did a good job of singing, as did Rachel Roy who also has a wonderful voice. Joe Hickey, master of ceremony, did a wonderful job planning the program. He also sang. We also enjoyed the voices of Dick Schuyler and Wendall Piper.

Any time you are putting on a minstrel show and need an end man, we have one! Hector Sauve gave us an enjoyable number as an end man. I hope I haven't left anyone out that helped to make the party such a wonderful success. Gifts from the department were presented to Bob Stewart and Tom Stevenson. Everyone enjoyed the dancing.

On a date not too long ago, a newcomer to the golf institution, Harry Bedigian, played a game with Tom Stevenson. Harry was the victor by a score of 51 to 53. (P.S. Tom Stevenson may have lost that one, but he's played good golf this season.)

In closing may I say that all four corners of Department 428 have joined in the chorus wishing each and every one of you the season's best greetings for the coming year.

COMBER JOB

by Terry Merolli

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Mateer visited their children in Pennsylvania over the Thanksgiving holidays. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Greene motored to Rochester, New York, to visit their son and his family. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Norman Stanley spent the holidays with relatives in Maine. . . . We all want to extend our sympathies to our planner, Fred Chaffee, who has two cracked ribs. Fred had better leave the football to his two sons, and never mind trying tackles himself. We suggest that he stick to quahoging, for that sport doesn't leave such after-effects. . . . We must mention the delicious samples of almond cookies that Arthur Haagsma brought in. Arthur is quite a cook, judging from the cookies. . . . Birthday greetings for the month go to George Catterson, John Solina, John Cunningham and Pat Kelly. . . . Anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kooistra, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Felsen, and to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Roberts. . . . Norman Stanley went deer hunting, but I guess the deer moved to quieter pastures, as Norman didn't see a one. Oh well! Better luck next time! . . . Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to George Catterson and Pete Baillargeon. Both are out on sick leaves.

At the shower given Mary Naroian at the Colonial Club were: from the left, front row: Arlene Marteka, Nancy Todd, Thelma Baker, and Betty Bianchi. From the left, second row: Alice Naroian, Eva Dumas, Mary Cooper and Connie Maynard

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

by Bill Scanlon

John Collins is back on his old job at the Garage after being in the Service for over two years. He spent 12 months in Korea. His friends welcome his return. . . . Rene Remillard is back again in the Garage after an absence of about a year. . . . Eddie Connors is convalescing at the Whitinsville Hospital. It will be several more weeks before he returns to work. From the postcards that he gets one would think he was a movie star. . . . Cliff Kelley is out of the hospital, and the boys at the Yard Office anxiously await his return. . . . Baldy White will be out for awhile because of illness. . . . Gordon Milkman has joined the Glee Club. Gordon is right at home when it comes to singing. . . . Pete Prymak came home with his deer, a doe weighing 130 pounds. Pete isn't like Frank Buck, for he brings them back dead. . . . Tunny Oliver sent the boys a few postcards from Englewood, California. If Tunny stays any longer he will become a native son. . . . Milton Crossland is taking organ lessons. With his singing ability, they will come in handy.

PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

by Tad Wallace and Marge Newton

The annual Production Department Christmas Party was held Saturday, December 11, at the Sokol Club in East Douglas. . . . After an excellent dinner catered by Mrs. Walker, an evening of general dancing, games, and entertainment was enjoyed. The committee, comprised of Jack Gilchrist, Dick Walker, Marge Newton, Bill Walsh, Barb Spratt, Irv Lightbown, Yvette LaPointe, Bill Lavalle, Frances Gonsorcik, Julia McMullin, Elsie

Gellatly, Simone Gilchrist and Stan Putnam, did a fine job in making the affair a tremendous success.

Red Adams, always a fellow to keep up with the styles, appeared at his desk one recent morning wearing a pretty pink shirt. While a Liberace record was played on the 9:00 a.m. musical program, Hector Chausse presented Red with a lighted candelabra. We do not know the size of the shirt but we imagine Red has one for sale cheap. . . . Our bowling team is still "chuggin" right along. At the moment they are about in the middle of the league. Always a slow starter, they should move upward real soon. . . . Among your New Year's resolutions, you could make one that would be helpful to your reporters—you could resolve to be a bit freer with the news. We will bet that this department, considering its size, is the toughest in the Shop to get any news from. Shall we give it a try in '55?

GEAR JOB

by Roland Dion

Our Personality section this month will cover several persons. So here's to the night help of Department 420 who are this month's feature. . . . Francis W Jackson, the night group leader, has been with Whitin for 18 years. He was married on March 7, 1939, to Bertha VanDyke. They have 5 children and make their home at 69 Cottage Street, Whitinsville. . . . Lorenzo H. Audet, lathe hand, has seven years at Whitins. He has worked in departments 429, 422 and 420. Lorenzo spent four years in the service. On July 1, 1950, he married Doris Roy. They now make their home, with their two children, at 37½ School Street in Northbridge. . . . Russell C. Palkovich also has seven years at Whitins. On November 10, 1944, he married Florence Dumont. They have two children and make their home at 216 Park Avenue in Woonsocket, R. I. . . . Rosaireo V. Lariviere is one of our new employees at No. 420. He previously worked in Departments 427 and 405. He was married October 24, 1921, to Marion Lavallee. They have four children and make their home at 36 Overlook Street in Whitinsville.

RING JOB

by R. E. Balcome

My "want ad" for a reporter to take over the present incumbent's duties was enthusiastically ignored. But that was all. Here goes for 1955 Happy New Year. . . . At the start of a recent noon hour, Louis Roy, looking for his street shoes, noticed them going by on the feet of Harry Bailey. Harry must either be color blind, as he wears black shoes, or else the bright lights in the department dazzled him. Louis got his shoes. All is forgiven. . . . Alice Dionne, we learn from her, bowls every Tuesday night with the Women's League. Her team is "The Waves." We guess she must be good, although no one ever tells us the score. . . . Gerry Larochelle, back after a happy honeymoon in New York, looks fit as a fiddle. . . . Gertrude Ebbeling has her ups and downs, her ins and outs. We welcome her up one month, then wish her luck the next month when she goes down to some other department. Stay put, will ya, Gertie? Incidentally it gives us a few lines for the SPINDLE. . . . Oh yes! Thanks to you all who gave me such encouraging compliments about my ring article. Glad you enjoyed it. I'd better stop before I get in over my head. . . . Dick Lemay bought 38 music rolls at an auction in Douglas for something like 30c. The tunes range from "Pretty Baby" to "Papa Loves Mambo." The player piano is in his cellar. . . . Having just become a fourth time grandfather, your reporter is a little puffed up. Robert Jeffrey Metzel, 9 lbs. was born to daughter Jean, in Monterey, California. For 18 days following November 22 I was a bachelor, my wife having gone to care for her daughter for a spell.

Chet Clark is still home on the shut-in list and, at this writing, Louis Laflamme, Sr., whose two lovely granddaughters sang in my show in Douglas recently, is in St. Vincent's Hospital. Better health to both of them.

TIN CYLINDERS

by Wilbur Baird

On Saturday evening, December 4, the personnel of Department 450 and their wives held the department's first Christmas party at the Moors in Shrewsbury. An enjoyable dinner was served. Those attending had their choice of chicken, steak, or lobster. Fifi Dorsay, an actress in the television program "This Is Your Life," was the feature entertainer of the evening. After her first show she spent a while talking with us at our table. Fifi sat between Red Jones and Tony Campo.

Let us say right now that we have discovered lots of formerly hidden talent in our department. Gordon Demague did an outstanding job singing with Fifi. An enjoyable evening, as they say, was had by all. Plans are now being made for another party to be held soon.

Belated birthday greetings go to Harry Malkasian, Carl Bosma, and Allen Blizard who celebrated birthdays in December. . . . Anything can happen at the Linwood Division. Our foreman, Al Blizard, was startled recently as he answered the telephone. Lo and behold! Curled up on the floor near the instrument was a snake.

When Harry Cowburn, Department 489, revisited the Shop he received a purse from the members of his former department. The presentation was made by Everett Murch. Harry, who began work here December 3, 1938, retired August 31, 1954

STEAMFITTERS, IRON WORKERS AND SHEET METAL MAINTENANCE

by Jaque Oppewal

We don't want anyone to think that this is a dull place just because nothing great seems to happen down here. We come in and do our work each day, but the routine stops there. We all tend to have a type of work that we take care of though—like Joe Castonguay with the solder sticks and lead hammers, and Coulombe and Connolly making the repairs on the railway cars. Over at the Steamfitters there are Coombs and McFarlane who check the sprinkler system all over the shop each week. The work tends to be different each day and each week though—not very dull or routine.

And in addition to all that, we have people down here that can keep things alive on their own merits—like Ed Harvey with his stories of his hunting experiences where you can almost hear the bushes rustling and the crack of his gun and you can see the wounded game trying to make the limping getaway. Then you can see the breathless second aim and the finish shot right at the crucial moment and then the long trek back to the car just as the storm begins to close in. Then follows the quiet pause and the far-away look before the business of the day breaks in again.

All these things go into the making of a day in these departments during the long winter days.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

by Connie Maynard

We welcome back Ted Fior who recently was operated on. We hope he is feeling like his old self again. . . . Congratulations go to Arthur Wilson this month. Arthur has been appointed to the school committee in Hopedale. . . . We welcome back Spike Smith from Research. We understand he'll only be here a short time though. Spike is on a lend-lease program—here awhile, there awhile. We wish he could stay with us longer. . . . A belated Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each and every one.

METHODS DEPARTMENT

by Jean Cunningham

We welcome back to work after their absences Freddie Robertson and Irene Barnett, who were out because of sickness. . . . We hope Frank Martin will be back by my next writing. . . . Has anyone seen Jack Lalor riding around in his new Ford Country Sedan? He realizes it resembles a bus, but Jack says that when he and the family go out he needs a roomy car. . . . Charlie Mateer, with his wife and son, spent Thanksgiving with his daughter and son-in-law in Annapolis where his son-in-law, Captain William McGilpin, is stationed. . . . We are sure Everett Swenson will be happy working with Arno Wagner in Tool Design. . . . Jim Shaw has a Mickey Mouse watch which he has been displaying around the office and of which he is quite proud. What'cha buy a Mickey Mouse watch for, Jim? . . . Frank Budnick is spending all his free time building a garage for his car. His father is helping him, for a garage is a big job for one man. . . . Al Capone is sad these days, as his faithful dog has had a relapse. Al is spending much of his time traveling between home and the veterinarian. . . . We wish a happy wedding anniversary to Charlie Walker and his wife. . . . In the middle of saying "Merry Christmas" to everyone, we can't forget to say "Happy Birthday" to David Gray, Henry Pariseau and Albert Brouwer. We hope the New Year will bring more happiness to everyone this coming year.

Henry R. Boiley was appointed to the position of Works Accountant on November 15, 1954. In his new capacity he is responsible for Cost, Estimating, Timekeeping, Payroll Computation, Tabulating, Statements, Budgets and Internal Auditing. He will report to Max Thompson, Controller

COST DEPARTMENT

by Dick Hanny and Pauline Hagan

As we step forward into another new year, let us take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Henry Bailey upon his promotion to Works Accountant and wish Mr. Max Thompson success as head of the newly formed Duplicator Division. . . . Florence Perry's family has been enjoying venison since Morrice pulled the trigger and one more deer bit the dust in Maine. . . We understand Everett Grant is switching to Rival dog food. It seems he received a telephone call from the guard at the freight house door informing him that he had left his lunch at home in Gloucester, R. I., and that some kind soul had driven over to good old W.M.W. with it. Upon looking in his desk, Everett was amazed to find his lunch was present and accounted for, but, out of curiosity, he went to the freight house to see what would turn up. Was his face red when he opened the bag and found a lunch of assorted dog bones left over from the previous evening's meal. . . . A group of Jim Shaw's co-workers welcomed him home from his stay in the hospital with a surprise party and presented him with a slide projector to show how much we all missed him. It's good to have him back . . . A few of the girls in the department attended a Christmas party at Lorna Abramek's new home and a good time was had by all. . . . We wonder if Rocky Knight will take their word for it at the cafeteria from now on. When he saw banana cream pie on a recent menu he picked up a piece to see if it really had any bananas in it. Imagine his surprise when it slipped off the plate and splashed to the floor. By the way, Rocky, did they charge you for it? . . . The members of the office will long remember the fun we all had at our noontime Christmas party. There was plenty of food, gifts and spirit for all. We want to thank the members of the committee for doing such a bang-up job. . . . A group of people from the office held a surprise Christmas party at Bill Merriam's home. Many of us had not seen Bill since he left the department some time ago and, amid reminiscences and Christmas cheer, we spent a very enjoyable evening. . . . Val Allega has been presented with another service pin for faithful service rendered. . . . Birthday Greetings to: Marion Metcalf, Thad Fronczak, Gordon Curtis, Norman Deragon, and Armand Plouffe. Anniversaries: Marion and Bill Metcalf, their 9th.

MAIN OFFICE

by Gloria Frabotta and Marlene J. Willard

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! For all you car owners who are interested in saving yourselves a few dollars, Albert Callens has found a solution. Seems as though Albert's thermostat is giving out, so instead of changing it, he has placed a piece of cardboard in front of his radiator. He admits it sounds as if he were operating a jet when he steps on the accelerator, but it serves the purpose. . . . A hearty welcome back to Arlene Buker, who is temporarily helping out in the Payroll Department, and a friendly hello to Mrs. Agnes DeYoung who is working in Accounts Payable. . . . Kermit Bickford chose the wrong week end to hunt deer. Kermit's quote was, "All I brought back is a cold!" Better luck next time!!! . . . What are they putting into anacin nowadays? Guess we can blame it on the "Atomic Age." Marlene Willard claims one tablet made her sleep an hour later than usual, causing her late arrival at work. In spite of this, Marlene still can't understand why she was so full of pep and energy the rest of the day! . . . Wanted: A girl to file in the lower drawers of the filing cabinets. After attending a

skating party recently, Eleanor Baker experienced a little difficulty trying to reach the lower levels. Anyone got an extra bottle of liniment handy? . . . We hear Cpl. George Guertin, stationed in France, flew home to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Philias Guertin, and sister Fran. . . . Well, the office employees and others can sit back and relax after being on pins and needles for quite a spell. The excitement "Howie" Hawkins caused is all over now. Reason—"Howie" has become a *PROUD* dad. . . . We will roll out only a birthday carpet of good wishes this month for Mary Galleshaw, Everett Johnston and Albert Callens. . . . Helen Gilroy enjoyed a week end in New York during the Christmas season.

REPAIR SALES

by Joyce Rondeau

I am sorry to report that Fred Hanny has been hospitalized. We trust he is on the road to recovery and that he will be back with us soon! . . . While Betty Mombourquette was cleaning her stove recently, she remarked to her husband how hot it was. Looking up from the paper, he said he could see why, for Betty's shirt was on fire! Luckily he rolled a rug around her quickly enough to prevent a serious accident. . . . Joanne Miedema is wished a happy birthday and also a happy anniversary! Others celebrating birthdays during the month were Elmer Benton, Charlie Pearson, Adam Davidson and Marion Merchant. . . . Under the direction of Alice DerTorosian, the office held a Christmas luncheon catered by Mrs. Walker. . . . A Christmas Party was held at the Oyster Cabin: a delicious meal and a wonderful evening enjoyed by all who attended! . . . Our bowling team is not quite up to their last year's mark, but they are holding their own. Under the strong bowling of Adam Davidson, who is currently holding second-high average in the league, and Henry Cant, who is sporting a 100 average, it looks like a fourth-place finish in the first half. We are hoping they can move up a notch or two in the 2nd half. . . . This year the office was graced by a beautiful pink Christmas Tree! As your SPINDLE Reporter, I trust everyone had a very enjoyable holiday season and I wish everyone well for the coming year!

To Robert Courtemanche, Engineering Department, and Mrs. Courtemanche, a daughter, Debra, weight 6 lbs. 2 oz., at Whitinsville Hospital on October 17.

To William Hobart, Engineering Department, and Mrs. Hobart, a daughter, Anne, weight 9½ lbs., at Whitinsville Hospital on October 8.

To Thelma Meader, former receptionist and switchboard operator, and Phil Meader, a daughter, Susan Dorothy, on November 24.

To Larry and Mrs. Sarafian of Department 462, an 8 lb. 2 oz. son, Kenneth Aram, at Woonsocket Hospital on November 25.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dean Davis, a son, Tony, on December 12 at Whitinsville Hospital.

To Howard Hawkins, Main Office and Shirley Hawkins, a daughter, Debra Lynn, weight 6 lbs. 5½ oz. at Woonsocket Hospital on December 9.

To Donald Lange, Tool Design, and Mrs. Lange, a son, Kurt, weight 5 lbs. 10 oz. on November 21 at Whitinsville Hospital.

To Roy Worthington, Tool Design, and Mrs. Worthington, a third son, James Roy, on October 30.

To Robert Hamblin and Mrs. Hamblin, a son, Thomas, born in Memorial Hospital, Worcester, on December 13.

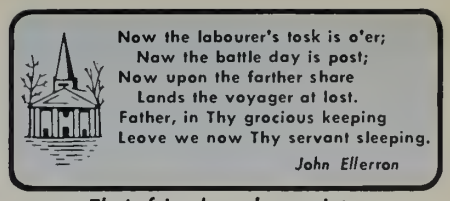
To Ralph Levesque, Foundry Production Control Office, and Mrs. Levesque, a son, James Francis, born December 13 at the Woonsocket Hospital.

To Raymond Stanovich, Wood Pattern Job, and Mrs. Stanovich, a daughter, Susan, weight 7 lbs. 14 oz. in Whitinsville Hospital on November 23.

The engagement of Shirle Lightbown, Main Office, to Robert Hanna of Clinton, Massachusetts, has been announced.

Bill Langlois, Service Man, was married on January 9, 1955, to Miss Marie Dancause of Ashland, Mass.

Rose Albin, Tool Control, was married to Raymond Shugrue in St. Mary's Church, Uxbridge, on January 8.



Their friends and associates extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved

Roy Rollins and Marjorie McCallum on the death of Mrs. Elizabeth A. Rollins.

Survivors and friends of George Rowbottom, 86, formerly of the Wood Pattern Job, who died at his home in Waterbury, Connecticut on September 21, 1954. Born in England in 1867, he began work at the Whitin Machine Works in 1886. Later he was associated with the Waterbury Farrel Foundry & Machine Company. He developed the first practical cam milling machine and in 1902 incorporated the Rowbottom Machine Company. He was president of the company at the time of his death.

Harry L. MoLette is shown as he looked when he wos the first recreational director. The picture was taken about 1923 at an outing ot Picnic Point

Relatives and friends of Harry L. MaLette, 61, first recreational director of the Whitin Community Association, who died in Ogunquit, Maine, on November 14, 1954. Born in Marion, Indiana, a Navy veteran of World War I, and a graduate of Springfield College, he came to Whitinsville in 1922 and remained until June 1925. For more than twenty years he was a school boy and college football official in the New England and New York area. At the time of his death he was music supervisor in the Kittery public schools.

John Fleszar, Department 433, on the death of his father in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

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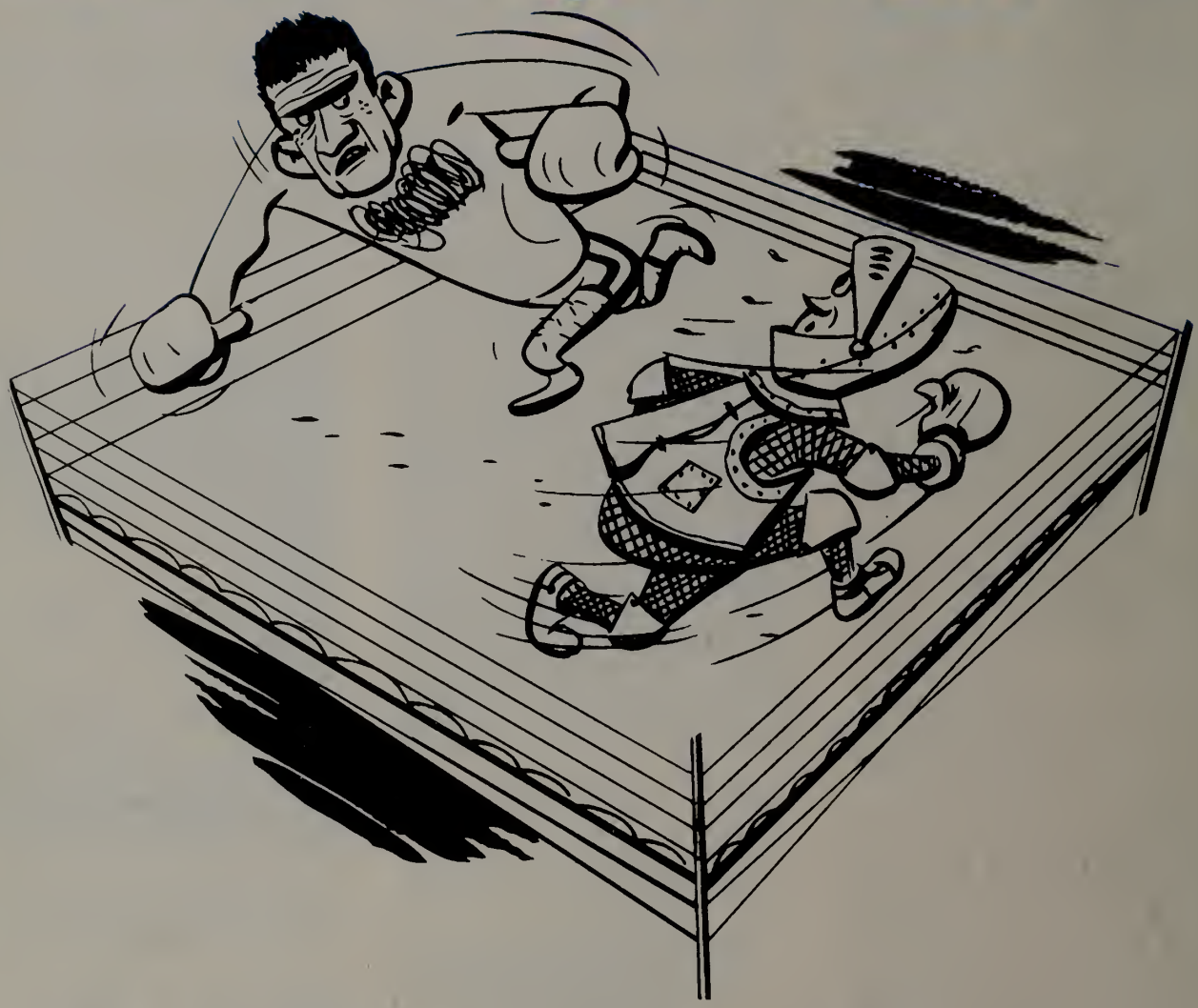

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Familiar Faces

Around the Plant

Arthur Chobot, 421, and Mary Chobot live in Linwood. Arthur came to Whitin in 1916 and has two sons. He enjoys cribbage

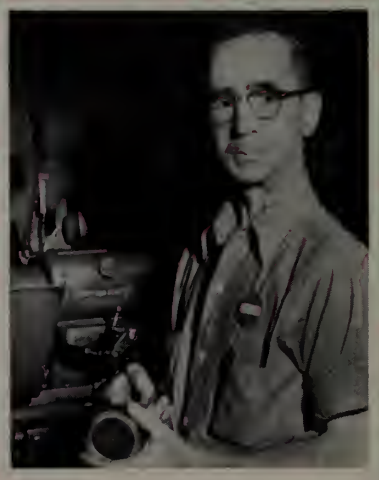
Richard Marshall, of the Milling Job, came to Whitin in 1926. He, his wife Margery, and 3 children live in Whitinsville

Margaret Marshall, inspector in 428, has completed 18 years at Whitin. Her hobbies include crocheting and knitting

Patricia McNamara, of Production, is married, lives in Worcester, has nine years seniority, and likes to dance and ski

Frank E. Howard, of Department 411 and Edith Howard have as their joint hobby, baby-sitting with their 11 grandchildren

Eli Mooradian, of the Gear Job, and Irene Mooradian live in Whitinsville. They are the parents of 2 sons and a daughter



William Pare, 428, and his wife Rhea, who live in Whitinsville, have 2 daughters and a son. Bill has 32 years at Whitin Machine

SMALL PARTS

Make A Big Difference

FROM the top of Building 13 a steady stream of small parts and sub-assemblies flows to the erectors on the Spinning Floor. Specializing in the manufacture of spinning and twister small parts, Department 429 also produces small parts for spoolers, quillers, and reels, as well as manufacturing hank clocks, yarn reels, and scales.

Under the guidance of Foreman John Dufries, a genial Whitin veteran who began work here in April, 1911, the forty employees of this job need to be versatile. In an average year they produce hundreds of varied assemblies plus an uncounted host of small parts. On hand in the department are over 16,000 routing sheets, each of which covers a single part requiring from one to a dozen operations. It is not surprising that about a third of the department's employees have twenty or more years service, for Whitin quality requires the attention of experienced men.

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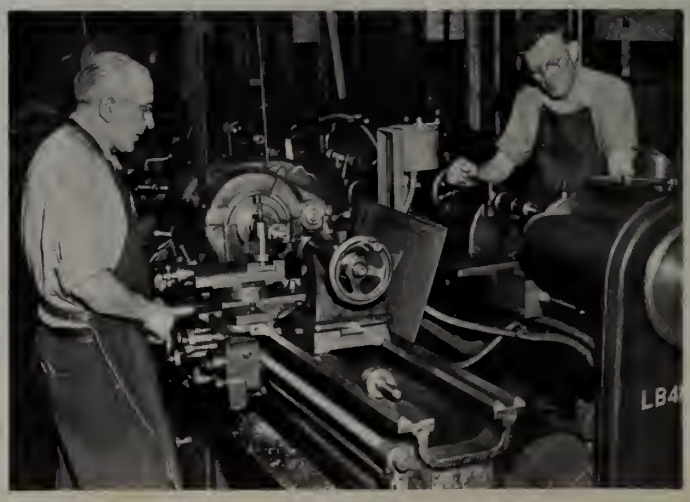
One of the most outstanding features of Department 429 is the great variety of parts finished there. Parts-in-process man John Lash, left, and Assistant Foreman Edward Molhoit examine a small sample of the work done in the department

SMALL PARTS (continued)

The department needs many different types of machines in its work. On the left Albert Pouly centerless grinds lifting rods that were formed by Donald Simmons, right

Most of the work requires particularly close supervision to make certain that it meets Whitin's high standards. Foreman John Dufries, right, checks work progress as Arthur Boucher, left, hollow mills a cross shaft for a twister

Drilling is precise work, for not only are there many holes to be drilled, but these holes must be of exact size and in the exact location. Herbert Erickson, left, and Arthur Bedard, right, finish textile machine parts on upright drills



Lathes are essential to the Job. On the left, Victor St. Andre squares up a hub while George Ledue, right, turns a cylinder head

Like most Whitin departments, 429 needs both men and machines operating as a skilled team. The job uses lathes, keycutters, milling machines, radial drills, upright drills, grinders, crimping machines, and riveting machines. Tools for these machines are stored in a well-planned and well-kept tool crib. The personnel of 429 are also assisted by persons from other departments—truckers, painters, inspectors, and Production Department employees—who work regularly on the job.

A visitor to 429 would note that the floor is laid out into ten sections—A, B, C, D, F, G, H, J and K. Each of these sections carries out certain definite functions. A quick glance shows that the term "small parts" covers a lot of territory, for while some of the parts are smaller than a dime, others, such as the seventeen-and-a-half foot swifts for reels, are of good size.

Above: As simple a part as a pulley requires several operations. On the right Mrs. Anna LeBlanc presses bearings into pulleys while Mrs. Rase Proulx, left, crimps bearings firmly onto the pulleys far spinning frames and twisters

Left: Each of these parts may require two or three coats of paint for protection and improved appeoronce. Robert Rondeau of Department 452 is regulorly assigned to paint in Department 429

Below: Many other small parts must be sub-assembled. On the left Jacob Sohigian presses keys into shafts. On the right Edgor Boker ossembles a cotton builder

Passing down the aisle, we note that in Section A two men are busy painting. Swiftly flying brushes coat cast iron parts with a gleaming film of Whitin green. A larger group of fifteen in Section B drill, ream, tap, counter-bore, and assemble myriad small parts. In Section C four men are operating lathes and keycutters as well as assembling still other parts. In Section D gears are put together.

The work of Section F is of quite a different nature. Operating in conjunction with Stores #4, this part of Department 429 cuts and assembles almost all of the chain drives used in the shop. Many varieties of chain are purchased in 100-foot lengths. Here they are cut to the precise number of links required, joined, and sent to the department that will use them.

Builder assemblies for Whitin, Fales and Jenks and H&B frames are assembled in Section G. In H lifting rods are formed, ground, scoured, and straightened. In

SMALL PARTS (continued)

J parts are drilled, counter-bored, and reamed, while in K six men assemble twister-head covers, cables, heavy buildings for twisters, and wool builders. Much of the work, we note, is on lathes and drills.

As we face the door of the foreman's office we find on our right three small jobs calling for the utmost precision.

Right: Whitin's reputation for quality depends, in large part, upon the care and skill with which each part is fitted. These men put together many assemblies and sub-assemblies. From the left: David Clark, Francis Forsythe, and Arthur Johnson

Above: Department 429, in addition to furnishing parts for the erecting floors, makes a number of complete assemblies. Here Mrs. Mabel Lemoine assembles a hank clock from the parts in the containers before her. Below: Francis Ledue is a specialist in the cutting and joining of chain. He is shown making up chain to the proper length for a builder motion on a spinning frame

In the far corner hank clocks for combers, twisters, roving frames, and spinning frames are built. The shaping of each hank clock calls for drilling, tapping, counterboring, hollow milling, assembly and testing. Adjacent to the area where the hank clocks are manufactured is the area in which yarn reels are stored and manufactured.

Between these jobs and the main floor of the department is the section in which yarn scales, recently purchased from Brown & Sharpe, are manufactured and calibrated. A girl employee is intent on the calibration of a 980 scale. When we ask her how accurate the scale is, she hands us a catalog which points out that this scale accurately measures weights from 0 to one pound as finely as 1/10 of a grain, or 1/70,000 of a pound. Impressed, we ask the foreman about other tolerances, and are told, "Just say that they are close—quite close."

While the bulk of the work on the department is on new orders, there are many repair orders. Mr. Dufries is proud that his department can and often does replace parts on machines manufactured by Whitin fifty or more years ago.

John, who has worked in Department 429 since his seventeenth birthday forty-one years ago, lives at 189 North Main Street, Whitinsville. He has three daughters and five grandchildren. Assistant Foreman Edward Malhoit, of 119 Main Street, Blackstone, also is a grandfather of five. John's hobbies are gardening, wood chopping and carpentry, while Edward's hobbies are sports and home repairs.

Among the senior employees in this department are John Dufries 1911, Victor St. Andre 1915, Leon Garabedian 1916, Wilfred St. Jean 1916, John Lash 1917, Edgar Baker 1918, David Clark 1921, Francis Ledue 1921, Arthur Bedard 1924, George Ledue 1925, Zarius Forget 1926, J. Francis Forsythe 1928, Edward Malhoit 1933, Carlton Wood 1933, and Elphege Morin 1935.

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IN BRIEF

A man of few words but great deeds, Lincoln wrote his complete autobiography for "The Dictionary of Congress" in 46 words. They were:

"Born Feb. 12, 1809, in Hardin County, Kentucky. Education, defective. Profession, a lawyer. Have been a captain of volunteers in Black Hawk War. Postmaster at a very small office. Four times a member of the Illinois Legislature and a member of the lower house of Congress."

Soon after he became President, Abe Lincoln began to grow a beard, and the story comes down to us that he did so because of a little girl who admired him. She told him that his face "looked so sad and thin without some whiskers."

FRONT COVER: February 14 is St. Valentine's Day and what could be more appropriate for a cover than a picture of a pretty girl. Barbara Spratt, our cover girl, is the Stores Records Clerk in Crib 15 and the daughter of Francis Spratt of Department 402.

Whitin Personality

ALLEN HASTINGS, Product Engineer, is a family man. Most of his time outside the Shop is spent with Mrs. Hastings and with their boys, 13-year old Frederick and 10-year old David. "Spare time?" laughed Allen when asked about his leisure hour activities. "I don't have much. Twice a week, in every season, I'm out in the woods or on the streams with my sons. They are also the reason I'm active in the Douglas Little and Intermediate Leagues. You see, I believe parents should spend as much time as possible with their children."

Allen was born in Providence, Rhode Island, on January 28, 1905. When he was two years old his family moved to Dudley, where Allen later attended the public schools. His high school years were spent at Nichols Academy, Dudley, and at Bartlett High, Webster. Following his graduation he worked for two years for the American Optical Company.

An interest in engineering led him to attend Worcester Tech and to spend several summers as a surveyor. For some time he worked for the Socony Oil Company until in 1934 he became a draftsman in the Engineering Department. He broadened his education by attending evening sessions of the Rhode Island School of Design for three years.

Save for a brief period in World War II, when he was an inspector on the Magneto Job, all of his time at Whitin has been in the Engineering Department. As a product engineer he is in charge of five draftsmen who specialize in miscellaneous twisters, quillers, spoolers and staple cutters. "I can truthfully say," he said thoughtfully, "that I have enjoyed every moment of my twenty years here, largely because of the fine people I work with and for."

Allen and Mrs. Hastings, the former Dorothy Dudley of Douglas, were married in 1935. They and their two children live in a large house at 4 Depot Street, East Douglas.

COPPER

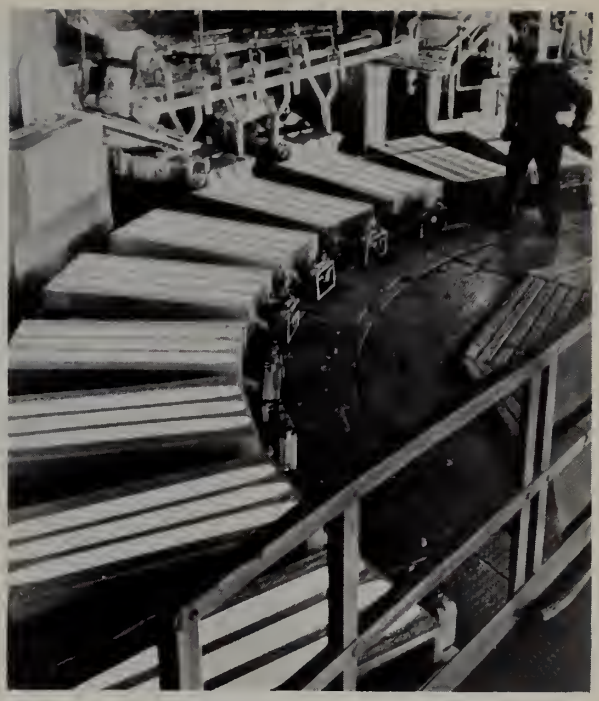
Man's Oldest and Most Useful Metal

Above: Mined originally by the American Indians rich veins such as those on the Keweenaw Peninsula, Michigan, yield pure copper in sizes from tiny particles to masses weighing several tons. This miner is drilling in a mine of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company in Butte, Montana

Left: Lean ore, containing only a small percentoge of copper, is crushed in a gyratory crusher as the initial step in a long process of recovering 99.9% pure copper. Rich ores may go directly to the converters

Below: In their natural colors the open-pit copper mines of Utah, Arizona, Nevada, and New Mexico are a blaze of bright green, gray, and red rock. Such mines in the United Stotes produce over o billion pounds of copper a year. This is the Morenci Mine of Phelps Dodge

The ores smelted in the converters produce a mixture of metals which is further refined by a 30-day electrolytic process. The blister copper from the converters contains some nickel, cobalt, iron, manganese, zinc, lead, tin, gold, silver, and platinum. The precious metals are recovered



The copper cathodes are remelted and cast into shapes suitable for making sheets, pipe, or wire. These bars will be drawn into wire

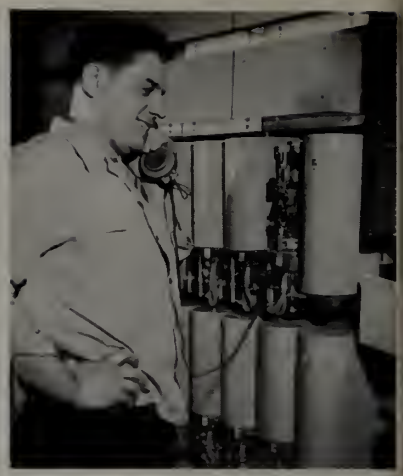
On Schumag Draw Benches wire is drawn, cut to length, straightened, and polished in a continuous operation. The scene at right is in the American Brass Company, Torrington, Connecticut

The fine design and workmanship of Whitin machines are never impaired by the use of inferior materials. For some tasks copper and copper alloys, such as brass and bronze, are unequaled. Buying in lots of two or three tons, Whitin in 1954 poured about 61,730 pounds of brass and bronze that assayed an average of 80% copper, plus using vast quantities of copper tubing and wiring, in constructing the textile machines which have made the name of Whitin another word for quality.

Everywhere in the plant, copper works for us. In the Power House copper is used in the generators. Copper carries the electricity to light the areas in which we work. It powers our machines, and carries our telephone messages. The Plumbing Department uses copper and brass. Even the locomotive that hauls away the freight cars of Whitin products depends on copper.

Man has used copper for many years. The ancient Egyptians used copper in casting the great bronze doors of the massive temple of Karnak. The Romans used copper in casting the bronze swords used by Caesar's legionnaires. The metal was named, however, by the half-savage natives of Cyprus, an island off the coast of Greece. Through the years "Cyprian metal" has been twisted to "copper."

Paul Revere, who won fame as a horseback rider and silversmith, was the first to roll sheet copper in this country at a mill he built in 1801 at Canton, Massachusetts. At Waterbury, Israel Holmes, manager of a brass mill, procured experienced workmen from



Left: Because copper resists corrosion, it is well-suited for use in piping and tubing. This picture shows copper water tube being extruded. Smaller copper tubing is used in the lubricating systems of some Whitin machines. Right: Copper speeds the business of the Whitin Machine Works by making our communications system possible. Here Frederic Baker tests a telephone relay. Copper is continually working for us all around our great plant

COPPER (continued)

England by smuggling them and their families—thirty persons in all—out of England and into America hidden in barrels. But perhaps the greatest promoter of copper was Thomas Alva Edison who, by inventing a successful incandescent lamp in 1878, first put electricity to practical use.

It is the properties of the metal which make it so useful. Copper—a metallic element with an atomic number of 29—is a high-density reddish metal which conducts heat and electricity while resisting corrosion. Easy to shape, it can be welded, brazed, soldered, plated or lacquered. Most important is that it readily blends with zinc, tin, lead, and other metals to form alloys called brass or bronze.

Copper is mined both by tunneling for rich ores and by open-pit mining of lean ores containing as little as one per cent copper. Lean ores, mixed with water, oil, and chemicals, are concentrated by being crushed, re-crushed, and ground in revolving barrels. The ground copper mixture then goes to a long box-like washing machine, where the copper floats off in the froth of bubbles, and the waste sinks. The dried froth is about thirty per cent pure copper.

The concentrated froth and rich ores are melted in a furnace. Chemicals are used to remove the iron from the molten mixture, leaving a hash of 9 other metals. The mixture of metals is dissolved in an acid bath and the pure copper recovered by electricity in the same manner used in our Plating Department. The three precious metals—gold, silver, and platinum—settle in the sediment at the bottom of the tank. The remaining metals stay in the solution.

The plates, called cathodes, on which the 99.9% pure copper is deposited, are remelted and cast into ingots, cakes, billets, and wire bars. Some copper is mixed with other metal to produce the five grades of bronze used by Whitin. Copper cakes are rolled into sheet copper; copper billets are extruded into pipe and tubing; wire bars are drawn into rods and then into wire which may be finer than human hair. Copper is then ready for use in the Whitin plant or in Whitin machines.

Copper and copper alloys are of great importance to the Whitin Machine Works. The Power House, shown here, contains large quantities of copper in the generators, water lines, instruments, and light and power lines

ARE YOU NEXT?

"Drunk and doing eighty. Never mind the ambulance. Send a basket."

AMERICA is sick with a malady which is causing terrible death and misery. In the past fifty years this dread killer has slain over a million, and has injured from 40 to 45 million persons. It is diagnosed as avoidable automobile accidents.

At the present rate it will take only half as long to kill the second million. Dirt roads have become superhighways. From one-lunged toys, automobiles have become giants of more than 200 horsepower. More and more eagerly the careless and heedless rush to destruction.

It's all so needless; the family outing turns into a mass tragedy; the speeding tourist becomes a cold statistic; the party-goer dashes to a life of pain. The head-on collision, the curve missed, the blinding glare of undimmed headlights, the scream of brakes at an intersection, the helpless skid on wet pavement—and another human being's last look at the passing scene is one of ultimate terror.

The facts are strong medicine. At fault are not the vehicles, not the roads, but people.

Laugh, if you will, at the sardonic humor of the accompanying cartoons. Laugh, and then think. The greatest danger on the passing scene is the nut (whether it be man, woman, or child) loose at the wheel.

In 1953 in highway accidents a person was injured every fifteen seconds, a person killed every fourteen minutes. Total killed 38,500. Total injured 2,140,000.

Of those killed, 13,870 were exceeding the speed limit. Speed killed 46.4 per cent of the total death toll. Of those injured 670,000, or 40%, were speeding. And watch out while walking—8,600 pedestrians were killed in 1953.

"There's still nathing wrang with the ald reflexes. Notice the neat way I avaided that jaker in the car back there?"

New Law Means Lower Taxes For Many

LAST August you heard such terms as "baby sitter deduction," "dividend exclusion" and "retirement income credit," when Congress passed the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

Now these terms will have real meaning as you file your income tax return under the new tax law, containing thousands of changes in its 929 pages.

Some taxpayers may find April 15th—the new deadline for most individuals—a worse shock than March 15th used to be. Most of us, fortunately, will find the new tax a little easier. For one thing, a reduction of about 10% in rates took effect in January, 1954, and has been reflected in the amount of tax withheld from pay since then.

But the difference is not just in the rates. The new tax law—passed *after* the rates were reduced—includes many special adjustments aimed at helping people who particularly need relief. You'll get some of these benefits almost automatically as you fill in the blank. Others must be dug out of the fine print. That's why it is particularly important this year not to wait till the last minute, but to begin your tax returns early.

That's why, too, the American Institute of Accountants presents this explanation of some of the more important changes and how they will affect the typical employee. Most people won't want to read all 929 pages of the new law to know what to expect!

That "Baby Sitter" Deduction

Bill and Alice Anderson think they know about the deduction of baby sitter pay. They hired a sitter when they went to the movies . . . and they're in for a shock.

The deduction is permitted only for actual expenses up to $600 for the care of dependents while a mother, widower, divorced or legally separated person is *gainfully employed.*

But the broad meaning of that word "dependent" will help many. Expenses for care of a child under 12 years who is the taxpayer's son, daughter, stepson or stepdaughter, *or other dependent mentally or physically incapable of caring for himself*, are deductible. There are no restrictions as to age or relationship in the latter case.

Thus Betty Baker can deduct what she paid the woman who sat with her bedridden dependent aunt while Betty worked afternoons at the library. She is filing a joint return with her husband, which is necessary procedure for wives asking the "baby sitter" deduction. The couple's adjusted gross income was not more than $4,500. If their income were more, say $4,700, they would have to reduce the $600 limit on the deduction by the amount their income exceeded $4,500. That is, they could take off only $400. This limitation and the requirement of a joint return do not apply if the husband was disabled.

You Can Claim More Dependents

Earl Cassidy will benefit two ways from the more liberal rules about dependents. Until now, because the relationship was too distant, he could not claim as a dependent (good for a $600 exemption) his Cousin Jake who came for a visit and stayed.

Jake will be listed this year because close relationship is no longer necessary to qualify a dependent who lived in the taxpayer's home and received over half of his support from him.

Young Earl's earnings of over $600 a year would have kept him off his father's list of exemptions under the old law. Not wanting to penalize parents for their children's industry, Uncle Sam now sets no top limit for a son's or daughter's earnings. A taxpayer can claim an exemption if he provides over half the s[illegible]rt

of a dependent who is either under 19 or a student, regardless of the child's income.

The 1954 Code offers relief, also, to children who are supporting parents. For example, Fred Parsons and his two sisters share in helping their mother, who lives in her own home. Among them they have provided more than half of her support for several years and each has furnished more than 10% of such support. However, as no *one* of them provided more than half, *none* was able previously to list her as a dependent. Now they can take turns in claiming the exemption. Fred can take the exemption for 1954 because his sisters have agreed to sign a statement that they will not claim the exemption for that year.

You Can Deduct More for Medical Bills

This year you can deduct medical expenses in excess of 3 per cent of your adjusted gross income, as compared with 5 per cent in the past, but in listing your medical expenses you can only include medicines and drugs beyond 1 per cent of your income.

Take George Harrison's figures. His adjusted gross income comes to $5,000, and during 1954 he spent $400 on doctors' and dentists' bills for the family, $200 on hospital expenses, $125 for drugs and medicines. He may count only $75 of the last item (having subtracted $50, 1% of his gross income), which makes his total medical expenses $675. He subtracts $150 (3 per cent of income) leaving a deduction of $525.

Maximum permissible medical deductions have been doubled and can now go as high as $5,000 for a single person or married person filing separately; up to $10,000 for married persons filing jointly, or for the head of a household.

Look out for this change if the doctor ordered a trip for your health: you can deduct cost of transportation, but not living expenses while you were away.

If You Received Dividends

Sid Horton, who has bought stocks with some of his earnings, will find a small bonanza in the new tax law when he works out his return. His stocks paid him $50 in dividends during 1954. On his tax form in other years he added his dividends to his $6,000 salary. The new law, however, gives him the first $50 of dividends tax free. This $50 dividend exclusion can be doubled for a married couple, if both have dividends of $50.

This tax reduction is to offset in part the effect of "double taxation"—which occurs because a corporation pays taxes on profits and then, when the shareholder receives those profits in the form of dividends, they are taxed again.

As another means of reducing "double taxation" 4% of the dividends after the first $50 may now be deducted from the total tax bill, within certain limits.

Annuities and "Retirement Income"

James Hunt received during 1954 the first $1,200 annual benefit on an endowment policy with an insurance company. The new rules permit him to recover his entire investment, tax free, during the life expectancy upon which the payments will be made—this is ten years in Mr. Hunt's case. Since his policy cost $10,900, Mr. Hunt will exclude $1,090 of his benefits this year. He will pay taxes on only $110. And no matter how long he may live beyond the 10-year expectancy, he will still report only $110 of the $1,200 each year.

If you have this sort of annuity, your insurance company will let you know what part of your benefits is taxable. Special rules apply to certain annuities to which both you and your employer may be contributing.

The "retirement income credit"—new this year—can benefit retired persons as much as $240. It is intended to give *all* retired persons tax relief similar to that enjoyed by those who receive tax-free social security payments.

If You Need Help

The instructions that come with your tax blanks will describe all these changes and others. Read them carefully and you should have little trouble filling out the forms.

If you have questions, consult your nearest Internal Revenue office. *But get there early.* The place may be jammed with other puzzled people this year when your neighbors are getting acquainted with the first general revision in the entire history of the federal income tax.

If your problems are complicated, you may need professional help. The Internal Revenue Service has repeatedly urged taxpayers to make sure their advisers are fully qualified.

HOBBY—Chess

It's Your Move!

John Sanderson, Advertising Department, and Harold Miller, Engineering Department, have had many battles, yet they remain good friends. Each hopes that the warfare will continue for many years, for their engagements are fought on a 64-square checkerboard in an ancient, yet widely popular game called chess. Each of the two men feels that the sport would be enjoyed by the average Whitin employee.

No one is sure where or when chess was invented. Most authorities agree that the game was first played by the Hindus more than a thousand years ago. As the centuries passed changes were made in the game, but for several centuries the various moves and the powers of the pieces have remained the same. Today, the "sport of kings" is played by men, women, and children in every country on the globe under rules drawn by the *Fédération Internationale des Échecs*, the association governing chess play.

The beginner will find the game inexpensive and fascinating. He may either use the chess sets available in the Gymnasium or he may purchase a good set for $2.50. Any checkerboard may be used, providing the white square is placed in the right-hand corner.

Each player has a king, a queen, two bishops, two knights, two rooks (or castles) and eight pawns. Each piece has its own method of moving, with the weak pawns plodding forward a square at a time and the more powerful queens, rooks, and bishops swooping across the board. The knights move across the board in a unique gallop. The object of the game is to place your opponent in such a position that his king would be captured on the next move.

There is not room here fully to describe the game. Directions are furnished with each set purchased. The Whitinsville Social Library has a good collection of books on chess. Both John and Harold are willing to instruct beginners. The beginner will be able to play and enjoy chess games within a couple of hours.

The person who learns chess soon discovers that there is no limit to how far he may progress in the game. Chess is enjoyed at three levels: by the beginner, by the serious player, and by the tournament player. Part of the endless fascination of the game is that no two games are ever the same.

At times chess may be played at long distance by means of radio or postcard, with each of two opponents setting up a board and following the moves. Both John and Harold have played postcard games and John is currently playing a game with a man confined to the Norfolk County Hospital.

Chess, like warfare, requires a study of both strategy and tactics. Harold Miller, left, is grimly determined to break the center of John Sanderson's defenses. John, moving a queen to support a threatened pawn, is equally determined to protect his king

"Yes," said John, "by all means I heartily recommend chess to the average person as a source of enjoyment and as a stimulating mental exercise. Chess is warfare in which you use strategy, plan your moves, and study what your opponent does and does not do."

"That is true," agreed Harold, as he ruefully watched John capture a piece. "Tell them to get a set, learn the moves, and then they too will find, in the words of the French chess master Dr. Tartakower, 'that the mistakes are there, just waiting to be made'."

KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

TIN CYLINDER, PAINT AND CREEL JOBS

by Dorsey Devlin

Anyone watching Zoo Parade on Sunday, January 16, were probably amazed to see how really scarce hen's teeth are. For the benefit of those who did not see the program, hens have no teeth, so we will need to explain no further that our news for this month is that scarce. . . . One of our Creel Job eager beavers who was overlooked last month is Oscar Doble. In his spare time, Oscar conducts an upholstering business at his home on Williams Hill. He recently donated a Lawson chair to the Good Shepherd Church in Linwood. . . . Alan "Pete" Paddock is another fellow who thrives on hard work. Pete may be seen driving an oil tanker between Uxbridge and Providence evenings and week ends. . . . Al Besaw is back with us after a long period of unemployment. We would like also at this time to recognize two men who previously were overlooked upon their return, John DeBoer, Jr. and Charlie Wilson. . . . Birthday greetings to Harold Ingham of the Paint Job. . . . Cora Barsamian, our star southpaw bowler is currently bowling in the Central Mass. League with a 93+ average and the local Church League with a 94 average.

CORE ROOM

by John Kurowski

Well, everyone pulled through the holidays in good shape and the extra day-off was enjoyed by everyone. . . . Zeigi Buczynski and family spent the Christmas holiday in Willimantic, Conn. . . . A 30-year pin was awarded to M. Bosma by Messrs. Bolton, Pierson and Cunningham. . . . Edgar Parent is sporting around in a 1955 Chevrolet. . . . Ralph McCray was seen trying out a new Ford. He was very impressed, and we understand it won't take much more to convince "Mac" he should trade now. . . . Our own singing bartender, "Larry" Maloney, is also shopping for a car. He thought he would escape this issue but the scoop came in the last minute. . . . We are glad to see two more of our laid-off men back at work. "Shorty" Auclair and K. Minasian have been recalled to Department 405.

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

by Harold Libby

The freight office Christmas party, preceded by a party at the home of Rita Turcotte, was one of the most successful held in recent years. Owing to the clever writing of Elwin Elliott, a sketch of "This is Your Life, Marcel Turgeon" was given with a finesse usually displayed by Broadway actors. The side-splitting laughter of the audience was a testimonial to a piece of comedy well done. Credit should be extended to Phyllis Lemoine, Leo Gauthier and Rene Picard for the parts they portrayed, and to Lorraine Dufault for her Santa Claus role. The party broke up at a late hour and, although the party was held Saturday evening, there were still traces of exhaustion in the faces of many the following Monday. . . . Elwin Elliott has recently moved from Milford to Hopedale. . . . We welcome Spaulding Aldrich to our Parcel Post division. . . . Congratulations to Joseph White who received his 30 year service pin last month.

ROLL JOB

by Lew Lyman

If you happen to notice a fellow limping around our department, it may be Emile Deschamps, who is our skiing enthusiast. He strained a ligament in his foot while skiing. We are sorry it happened because we all know how much Emile enjoys sailing down the New Hampshire hills. . . . Cecil Baker is enjoying one of his better years at the bowling alleys. "Fat" Baillargeon claims Cecil stole his new system and that it only works for one man! . . . Mrs. Pamela Bilodeau is recuperating at her home after an operation at St. Vincent Hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her soon. . . . Things seem to be picking up a little on the Roll Job. It's nice to say a word of welcome to the three new members of the department: Henry Cahill, William Kurtyka and Francis Ginese. We hope their stay with us will be long and pleasant. . . . February is a good month for birthdays in our department. Congratulations to Frank Nastor, Edward Trasavage, James Deveney, Arthur Baillargeon, George Baker, John Baker and Cecil Baker.

Hormisdas Poulin, Department 453, who had been employed here since November 1, 1918, retired on December 23, 1954. Mr. John F. Wasiuk presented him with a purse, the gift of his fellow workers

Al Meservey, Research Division personality, is shown with Mrs. Meservey. Al works in the machine shop

RESEARCH DIVISION

by Bernice Taylor and John Baker

February—the month of famous men and Valentine's Day—and we, not to be outdone, have our own long list of birthdays. So it's many happy returns of the day to all—Peter Strang, Chick Blakely, Wally Caron, Eileen Holmes, Joseph Kogut and Bernice Taylor. There are enough birthdays here to have a party. . . . And we have anniversaries, too. Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Newton, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Krull, and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schlums. . . . It is nice to have Tim Hourihan with us again. Tim has been hospitalized for a number of weeks, but is now back in the groove once more. . . . Congratulations to Peter Strang, who has been awarded his five-year pin.

Personality: Albion "Al" Meservey was born on October 23, 1914, in Tenants Harbor, Maine. He went to school in the town of St. George, and attended Martinsville High School. After finishing school, Al started in garage work in Maine. In 1937, Al came to work here. He started working on the Spindle Job. After working in various departments Al became a road man for the Whitin comber and worked in this capacity for twelve years. Then he joined the staff at Research, and now is working in the machine shop on the third floor. He was married to Miss Eunice Hinson of King's Mountain, North Carolina, in August 1941. Both Al and Mrs. Meservey enjoy motoring, and they have traveled a great deal. But, of course, Maine is Al's very favorite vacation spot. For hobbies, Al lists woodworking as one of his many interests. He has a small carpenter shop in his home on Fletcher Street. To quote Al, he says he does not make anything useful—toys, knick-knacks and the like; however these articles must bring much pleasure and enjoyment to many people. Al has many friends, he is a very interesting conversationalist, has a friendly manner and is a nice person to know.

SPINNING, CARD ERECTING AND POLISHING

by Francis Horan

Two 30-year service pins were awarded this past month to employees of these departments by Company Officials.

One was received by Bill Rutana of Department 448, Foreman. Bill who lives at Saundersville, Mass., with Mrs. Rutana and their two sons, Victor and Richard, came to work here January 1, 1925, as a stock clerk. He served his time as a machinist, getting in every extra hour possible, even to assisting in packing mills being moved. He then started work on the erecting floors: quillers first, then on to spinning, and wool and worsted frames. He finally started the upswing when appointed Assistant Foreman under Eddie Marshall during the latter part of World War II. He was appointed Foreman of the Wool and Worsted Division in September, 1948. Bill likes gardening, has been a member of the Home Garden Club here for years and enjoys fishing and hunting. Last but not least, we are all glad to hear Mrs. Rutana is doing so well after her illness.

On the right is Robert Gellatly, Department 433, who recently received his 30-year pin. Shown with him is Mrs. Gellatly and their son and daughter-in-law

The other pin was awarded to Robert Gellatly of Department 433, formerly of Department 448. Bob ("King of Scots" as I call him), actually worked here more than 30 years, but a break in consecutive service made it this way.

Bob who served as a member of the Black Watch during the first World War saw service in the Dardanelles in France, and in the Army of Occupation in Germany. He was a locomotive engineer in Scotland, too, before he became a member of this concern. He started to work on the erecting floors, then went to assembly of small parts. He loves television, especially anything pertaining to sports. He can reel off the name of every fighter of any renown. He lives with Mrs. Gellatly and their daughter, Elsie on Overlook Street, Town. Elsie is also employed here as a Stock Clerk on the Bolt Job. Their son, Robert, Jr., is completing a World Tour as a member of the U. S. Navy.

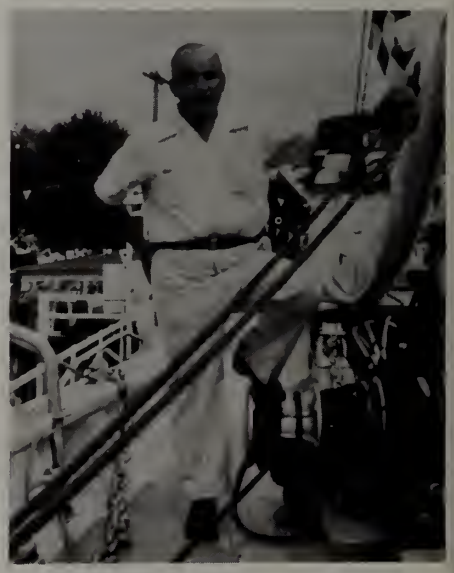
What a worker! Against all sorts of hard luck, Bernard Kelliher continued his great work for the polio March of Dimes drive. . . . Oskar Mayr, Al O'Rourke, Ray Roche, F. Macuga, Jim DesRochers, "Blakie" Henault, and Walter "Dillinger" Oolovgian have all been recalled to work in these departments.

Hope that the person who is so fortunate to have his wife shampoo his hair for him will remember to keep the door locked against any friend (?) who might walk in unannounced. . . . A double anniversary in January, birthday and wedding, was celebrated by Arthur Taylor. . . . Celebrating birthdays were Sidney DeJong, Jake Haringa, and Joe Gauvin. . . . Wedding anniversaries were observed by J. Strachen and William Beaudoin.

GRINDER JOB

by Betty Ann Feen

Department 426 had a noontime Christmas party with ice cream, cookies made by our timekeeper Mrs. Spencer, and the exchange of joke gifts. Short and sweet, the event was enjoyed by everyone. . . .



Bill Rutana, a friend of the famed Arctic explorer Donald Baxter MacMillan, stands on the deck of the *Bowdoin*, the vessel used by the explorer in his Arctic journeys

The welcome mat is out to Donat Nadeau, who came to us a couple of months ago, and to Arthur Ricard. . . . Bertrand Levitre has left us to join the night crew. . . . On January 29 our "one and only" Arthur Gauvin celebrated his birthday. We hope he enjoys many more. . . . Belated anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sokolowski who observed their sixteenth wedding anniversary on December 31. Our best wishes to both of them and may they have many more years together. . . . Anniversary greetings for the month of January are extended to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barney, forty-fourth, January 1; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Berube, twenty-eighth, January 8; Mr. and Mrs. Ludgar Gauthier, fifteenth, January 27. Best wishes, and may they have many more happy years.

Come on, gang, I need some help if we are to have a column in the SPINDLE. A few news items once in a while would be appreciated. How about a few for next month?

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

by Bill Scanlon

Eddie Connors is home after spending a month in the Whitinsville Hospital. He expects to be back to work some time in the middle of February. Eddie will be receiving his 40-year pin in a couple of months. The boys are anxiously awaiting his return. During his stay at the hospital he received over 100 post cards. . . . "Baldy" White is back on the job driving the truck after an absence of six weeks. "Baldy," as you know, is a well-known fisherman. During his six weeks rest he made the best of his time and managed to catch some big ones. Glad to see him back. . . . Charles Bertel is retiring after seventeen years with the Whitin Machine Works. He is an electrician for the Maintenance Department. Charlie is 73 years old, and, by the looks of things, he has many more good years ahead of him. The boys in the Garage wish him the best of luck. . . . Dick Blake, who is in charge of the golf course grounds, is working for Erle Simmons' department until the golf season starts again. . . . Carl Larsson, a former employee of the golf course, is working in Charlie Commons' department until spring.

Edward Bates, Jr., son of Edward Bates of the Spindle Job, was home on a ten-day furlough to celebrate Christmas with his parents and with his sisters, 11-year old Sandra Jane and 2-year old Joanne

SPINDLE JOB

by Edward Bates

Personality: John W. Eustace, who was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., started work here in December, 1942, on the Screw Job. He was transferred to Department 439 about 1944. He has worked on wooden sheath spindles, has operated a battery of centerless grinders, and is now a grinder hand on centerless grinders. John is married and has a stepson in the Air Force. His favorite pastimes include baseball and boxing. . . . Albert Bishop, of the Spindle Job, took his family to Camden, Maine, for Christmas. . . . On the week end of January 1, George Hamm and Elmer Farley were opening a drain. George was directly under it when the joint separated and everything landed on his head. There are reports that his head now shows signs of a new growth of hair.

John W. Eustace is the Spindle Job personality of the month

SPINNING SMALL PARTS

by Jake Sohigian

Anna LeBlanc waited and waited one morning for the bus to come, and to her surprise, she found out that it had long gone, so she started walking—a mile-and-a-half trek from North Uxbridge to W.M.W. She punched in at exactly 7:30. . . . Arthur Boucher (Junior to everyone on the job) just recently announced his engagement to Miss Claudette Gauthier of Woonsocket. . . . We wish to welcome back Phyllis Maker, Rita Rossa, Emile Laporte, Wilfred Elie, Peter Roorda, and Jim Edwards. Nice to see them all back. . . . Wilfred St. Jean was recently admitted to the Milford Hospital for observation, and it is with great sincerity that we wish him a speedy return. Jean, what with his cheery smile, and quick, witty remarks, is really missed on the job. . . . Franny Forsythe has been calling the Red Sox a bunch of bums ever since the end of the 1954 season, but I think right down close to his heart he has a place for the lovable guys.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon W. Fletcher celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary on December 26, 1954. Leon is employed in Department 439

COMBER JOB

by Terry Merolli

Our Christmas Party with Hector Chase as Santa Claus was a great success. He certainly was a unique one at that, dressed in a blue nightgown, size 48, and a Santa Claus mask. Congratulations Hector, you were the greatest. May we book you for next year's party? Incidentally, Norman Stanley was Santa's helper and a good one at that. . . . Archie Fournier began the new year by purchasing a new car—a 1949 Buick. Needless to say, the Fourniers are looking forward to summer vacation so that they can take a real trip. Cheer up, folks, it won't be long! . . . Welcome back to Pete Baillargeon. Pete has been out for about two months, due to a back injury. We're also glad to report that George Catterson, who is at St. Vincent Hospital, is improving. We all miss him. We want to welcome Claire Legassy, our new stock clerk, who is taking Harriet LaFleur's place. Harriet returned to Crib No. 5. . . . Welcome to W. Petrin and R. Strom. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kooistra had an especially happy Christmas. Their daughter, Sylvia and her husband were here on a visit from Chicago. It was their first visit in over a year. . . . Happy Birthday to Dick Felsen and Mike Baiano.

The morch of time is illustrated by these two photagraphs. At the top is Whitinsville 80 years ago. The bottom photograph shows the center of town 50 years ago

In July of 1928, Troop 131 of the Boy Scouts of America posed in Whitinsville. From the left: front row—Lowrence Ovian, Archie Almosian and James Bell (deceased); second row—Everett Gaspar, Robert Scott, Lelond Metcalf, Chester McQuilkin, George Talbot and Richard Schoneman; third row—Edward Perry, Edward Schoneman, Lyman Thomos, Philip Hathawoy (deceased); Walter Blonchard and Harry Hayward

Rolph Baker

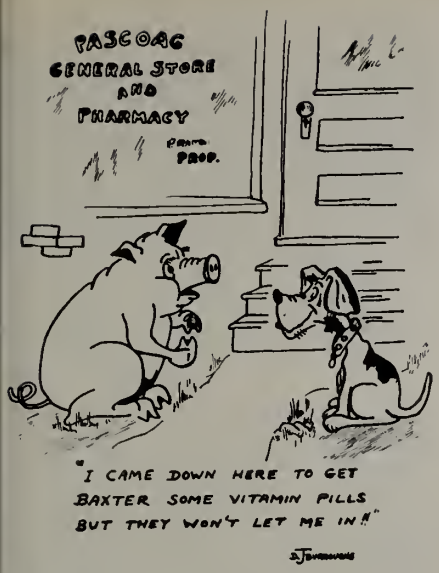
ON SCIENTIFIC AWARD COMMITTEE

Foreman Ralph Baker, of the Tool Job, has been selected to serve on the Scientific Award Committee of the Worcester Engineering Society for a two-year period. A Worcester County resident who has done outstanding work in scientific or technical work will be chosen by this committee to be honored by the society at the March meeting.

TOOL JOB

by George Jones

Charles Garabedian, a clean cut, easy going, and good natured person, is at present a shaper hand on the Tool Job. Charlie was born in Newton, Mass., and attended the primary schools in that town before moving to Milford. He graduated from Milford High and later went to Worcester Trade School. He came to W.M.W. in 1942 on the Torpedo Job and later went to the Magneto Job. In 1943 he went into the Signal Corps of the U. S. Army, where he saw service from England to Czechoslovakia. He returned to W.M.W. in late 1946 and since has worked on the electric trucks, the Tool Job office, and is now on a shaper. Charlie married Julia Garabedian of Whitinsville. They live in their own home in Milford with their two children, Sandra, 7, and Ronald, 2. He tries to keep an odd job to take up his spare time, and he has done bar tending at the Central Cafe and also at the Meadows for Vaughn Monroe. He also mixed cocktails at the Quality Restaurant in Milford. He has sold cars for five years and at present is selling new Chryslers



"Here's your take-home pay, Jack —and the Little Woman to make sure it gets there!"

"Hello, Doc. I was wondering what I could do for ulcers *before* I get them!"

and Plymouths, as well as used cars, for the South End Auto Sales in Milford. If you are in the market for a new or used car, see what Charlie can do for you.

The main topic of conversation for Joe Baxter and Buddy Gauthier, both of Pascoag and the Tool Job Night Shift, is who has the smartest pigs. The debate was very close until one of Baxter's pigs got out and went to the local drug store. When no one would open the door, the pig headed for home and met Joe, who was looking for him. . . . Congratulations to Bob Halacy of the Cutter Grinders, on his appointment to the Whitinsville Fire Department. Bob's first fire was the fire at Scott's barn in Uxbridge. . . . Darrel Burroughs and Eddie Dulmaine, night shift, rave about how well their parakeets can talk, but Ralph Smith, who breeds and sells them, claims that his birds are teaching him to talk. . . . 'Twas the Saturday night before Xmas on Main Street in Worcester, pouring rain; there was George Moran with his new Plymouth stalled in the middle of the street; he didn't know how to open the hood. . . . Congratulations to William O'Neil and William Baker on receiving their 30-year service pins.

PURCHASE INSPECTION

by Elsie Finnema

On November 20 Department 489 bid farewell to Bill Baker who retired and who had worked with us for a number of years. Bill, who is eighty years old and very spry for his years, will spend his winters in Tampa, Florida, and in the spring will venture up north again. The party was held at the Lennox in South Bellingham where a delicious dinner was enjoyed by all. A purse was presented to Mr. Baker by Miss Emma Proulx in behalf of the job. Bill will continue to pursue his hobbies—gardening and fishing.

METAL PATTERNS

by Bill Prior

Personality: Eugene "Gene" Duhamel was born in East Douglas in 1920. He lived in that village until 1941, when he moved to Whitinsville to begin work at the Whitin Machine Works. In 1946 Gene left here to work for a three-year period in a Springfield pattern shop. He has worked here since his return in 1949. A first class patternmaker, Gene has done considerable work on the high grade patterns used in the new "C" process.

During World War II Gene served in the Army as an infantryman, seeing service in the European theater with 101st Airborne Division. Gene and Mrs. Duhamel, the former Irene Daubney, have a son, Leslie, and two daughters, Judith and Doreen. He built in 1951 the house in which they live in Upton. During his spare time he lays tile and linoleum for Stimpson's Tile

A 2/c Roland Dionne, son of Louis Dionne of the Ring Job, is a member of the Air Force Band at Scott Field, Illinois

Two boyhood chums were reunited in Yokosuka Japan, recently. On the left is Jim Davidson who is with the Air Force, stationed in Tokyo. On the right is Bob Gellotly, formerly of the Metal Pattern Job, who is on a world cruise aboard a destroyer

When Bill Baker, Department 489, retired on November 20, a farewell party was held at the Lenox, South Bellingham

Oliver Baker appointed foreman

Thomas Tycks appointed assistant foreman

NEW PROMOTIONS

On December 10, 1954, Oliver Baker was appointed foreman of Department 423, General Machining. Mr. Baker, who began work at Whitin in 1923, served his apprenticeship as a machinist in the Shop. He had served as assistant foreman and foreman of the Winder Job, and at the time of his present appointment was assistant foreman of Department 423. He lives at 45 North Main Street, North Uxbridge, with his wife Laura and their children—18-year old Ann, 15-year old Joyce and 13-year old Richard.

The appointment of Thomas P. Tycks as assistant foreman of Department 426, Lathes and Grinders, was announced on December 10, 1954. Mr. Tycks, who began work at the Whitin Machine Works on March 1, 1948, lives on Gaskill Street, Mendon, with his wife Teresa and their 4-year old son Bruce. Prior to his appointment he was a supervisor in Department 423.

Back in 1906, the year this picture was taken in front of the Uxbridge Town Hall, this Whitinsville band gave concerts from a bandstand located where the Main Office building now stands. The youngster, third from the left in the rear row, is Arthur Marshall of the Guards

Shop. He is an ardent sports fan. . . . Bob Caston is due back to work after an extended sick leave. . . . Foreman Gerrit Dykstra was operated on at the Memorial Hospital, Worcester. Harry Daubney has been filling in as foreman. . . . After a few months at General Electric, Lynn, Paul Mintoff is back at work in Department 402. . . . We all wish Bill Perry, our crib attendant, well. Bill may have to undergo an operation. . . . Edwin Kilcline of Woonsocket is receiving congratulations on the birth of his fourth daughter.

RING JOB

by Robert E. Balcome

February again, although at this writing we just heard the "State of the Union" address. We all passed the holidays without any major mishaps. Every one is accounted for, though not present in some instances. Chet Clark is still indisposed. . . . We welcome back to our department Bud Frieswyk, Edmund Plasse, and Al Brothers. Looks like Joe Witek will have some competition with an expert fisherman like Bud. . . . We also had a visit from another former Ring Jobber, A2/c Roland Dionne of the Air Force Band at Scott Field, Illinois. . . . We're glad to see Bill Malley back after an accident before Christmas. . . . Our little Christmas Party was a success, inasmuch as every one stuffed themselves with ice cream and cookies.

We had a picture and clipping from the Nippon Times in Tokyo of A2/c Ernest Dionne (also a Ring Jobber) with two other airmen at a small Christmas Party in the home of an Air Force Officer. The picture was not sharp enough for a good reproduction in the SPINDLE.

Special Christmas gifts: Dick Lemay got a card shuffler "for Canasta Cards"; Ken McCullough got new hunting pants (we ought to hear of Ken catching something big now); Charlie Coombs got a brass name plate and knocker for his new house, now you can see his name from the street; Gertrude Ebbeling got an electric picture. Guess we'll have to see it to explain it. We have one, but ours says RCA Victor!; your reporter received a magnetic blackboard for family and local use. Magnetic blocks are better than thumbtacks in this case.

BOOSTER DART JOB

by Marion Larsen

Our personality this month is William Brouwer, who makes his home on Whitinsville Road, Sutton. Bill was born August 12, 1900 and attended school here in Whitinsville. On January 10, 1936, Bill took Evelyn Dokin as his wife. Bill and Evelyn have three children, Anna Mae, age 18, William, age 16 and Raymond, age 13. Three other children, Carol, age 14, Romana, age 10 and Linda, age 8 live with

hem as members of their family. Bill njoys watching TV with his family. He as worked in many departments in the hop. He is now working on the cut off ection of 428. He has a total of 30 years n the shop. We had the privilege of seeing Bill receive his 30-year pin. Congratulaions Bill.

Jackie Labrecque received her ten-year in.

GENERAL MACHINING

y Ken Harrington

It is hard to keep up with all the new aces at 423, but we wish to welcome each nd every one of them. . . . We have ften wondered what Dowie Fettes has one with those ski boots he used to wear o work. He never did tell us why he no nger wears them. . . . It won't be too ng now before spring and the brush cuts ill be back. If anyone wants a good one, e Hector Roy. . . . The committee for he Oscar award, Foreman Oliver Baker nd Leo Mullin, have not agreed as to ho should receive it this month. We will ave to wait until next month. . . . We re glad to see Larry Metevier back. We ope he doesn't argue too long and loud ith Marcel Plante about cars. . . . I ear that John Malley has just bought me small stripers from Ray Girard. Vhat are you going to do with them, hn? . . . Is there anyone on the job at believes that Pete Babowitch will er get that garage built?

WOOD PATTERN

y Vera Taylor

Personality of the Month: L. Earle Newmbe was born in West Upton, July 20, 20. He attended school in Westboro, rovidence, R. I., Brookline and Milford ccessively. After graduating from Milrd High School, he worked in the Upton at Shop, Bay State Abrasive, and in raper Corporation. In 1942 he entered e Army and served in the Infantry for ree and a half years. After his discharge 1946, he worked in the Upton Hat Shop, d attended Worcester Boys Trade School, arning pattern making. He started at hitin Machine Works in 1948 on this b as an apprentice patternmaker. He aduated as a wood patternmaker from e Apprentice School in June 1953. He arried the former Helen Neally. They w live in West Upton in their own home ith their three children, Linda Lee, Robin nn, and Dana Earle. An incessant ader, Earle finds little time for other tivities. However, his other main hobby playing cards.

We are glad to have back among us ilfred Whitney, who has spent a long ssion on the sick list both in and out of e hospital. . . . Patrick McGovern rently received his 30-year pin from Messrs. olton, Pierson, and Cunningham. . . . e are honored to have working with us e newly-elected president of the Board of Directors of the Credit Union, Lawrence Gilmore. We have inside information that Lawrence is a fudgemaker-par excellence. The Apprentice Team won the first half of the Shop Bowling League. We lay claim to this piece of information by dint of having Robert Shaw, captain of the team, in our presence. We wonder if the fact that Roland Blondin, a world champion bowler, is also a member of the team has anything to do with the case? . . . Birthday greetings to Ray Fullerton and Wilfred Whitney in February and, belatedly, to David Richardson whose birthday was in January. . . . Congratulations are also in order for the following wedding anniversaries: Mr. and Mrs. Julian Masson, Mr. and Mrs. David Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stohlbom, and Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor—all in February.

Stephen MacDonald

Howard F. Libbey

PLANT GUARDS REORGANIZED

On December 13, 1954, the reorganized Plant Guards were placed under the direct leadership and supervision of Captain Stephen MacDonald. Captain MacDonald, age 42, has had many years of experience in police and plant protection work. He will make his home in Whitinsville.

As of January 3, 1955, Howard F. Libbey, age 40, was appointed Lieutenant of the Plant Guards. Lieutenant Libbey, a Whitin employee since 1946, lives on Carpenter Road, Whitinsville. He will assist and answer to Captain MacDonald.

COST DEPARTMENT

by Dick Hanny and Pauline Hagan

As we thaw out the news channels on this frosty winter morning, we would like to wish Captain Destrempes and the 462 bowling team the best of luck for the last half of the year. . . . Congratulations to Joe Platukis and Ted Fronczak upon receiving another award for a suggestion placed with the Company. . . . Marshall Clark, the wandering gypsy of the department, has officially abandoned the life of the open road and unpacked his trailer to take up residence in Hopedale. . . . The department wishes the best of luck to Howard Anderson in his first bid for town office. . . . A certain young man in the office recently tried his hand at being a mechanic, draining out the fluid in his hydramatic drive and adding six quarts of oil to an already full crank case. As you probably have guessed, the car ended up in the garage, with the owner vowing to stick to cost accounting from now on. . . . The Al Destrempes are now the proud owners of the only homemade bob-tail cat in Woonsocket. It seems that Al ran over the tail of his "conventional" cat, and the veterinarian did the rest! . . . While riding to Worcester one day, Dick Hanny

MYSTERY PHOTO—The young man by the Maxwell is Robert K. Brown of Master List. Do you recognize this youngster on the right?

was hailed by a motorist parked along the road. Remembering his boy scout days, he immediately stopped to see if he could be of any help to this supposedly stranded stranger. As it turned out the stranger was none other than Mr. State Inspector himself. They tell me that "Sir Richard" is now seen making complete stops at all intersections. . . . We understand Telix Richard is a member of the Planning Board which is striving to work out a zoning ordinance for the town of Grafton. Good luck, Telix, in your endeavor. . . . We hear that Roland Farrar is in competition with Lockheed Aircraft Company on his noontime project. Roland has completed his first model, a B-36, and will be ready to go into full production any day now. Originally he started to make jigsaw puzzles in order to relax between bouts with the cost books, but his many helpful friends took over, so there wasn't any room for Roland; so he ventured into the aircraft business. . . . The distinguished gentleman seen walking through the corridors with his cane is none other than Oscar Erickson, whom we wish to welcome back to the fold after being confined to a hospital bed for some time with phlebitis. One of our Woonsocket boys woke up with a bang the other night, but, thinking his cat had kicked over a box in the cellar, he rolled over and went back to sleep. Imagine his surprise when he woke up the next morning to find the house cold, the furnace door had blown off, and his cellar full of soot! . . . Birthday greetings to Florence Perry and Helen Cotter. . . . Greetings to Thad and Helen Fronczak on their ninth wedding anniversary.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

by Connie Maynard

I am sorry to report that Celia Beaudreau has been hospitalized. We all hope she is on the road to recovery. . . . We spread the welcome mat this month for Jeannette Pouliot. Jeannette comes to us from Department 478. We hope she will like it here. . . . Congratulations go to Thelma Baker, who received her 5-year pin in December. . . . The new sparkle in the Drafting Room can be traced to Mary Cooper, who received a diamond from Norman MacIntyre, Jr. at Christmas. Best wishes to both of them.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks for the lovely shower and shower gifts given me by the girls of the Engineering Department and of the Master List Department. I wish to thank the men and girls of both departments for my wedding gift—a Universal Coffeemaker. I couldn't have received a nicer gift.

FOUNDRY PRODUCTION CONTROL OFFICE

by Earl Briggs

One morning last month, Shirley Benjamin came to work and everyone just stared at her. What was it? Was she painted to represent a clown or a tomato? Oh, no, it was just a good case of German measles! Shirley had a mid-winter vacation. . . . Goodbye and adios to John Horan of Wage Standards, who left us January 21 to take a position with Arcade Malleable. On January 21, a small testimonial dinner was held in Jack's honor at Aunt Mary's Riverside A.C. by a group of his fellow employees. Jack received a cigarette lighter as a farewell gift. . . . The "welcome mat" goes out this month to Yvonne Gainer who is now working for Foundry Wage Standards. So long to Joss and Vickie's smiling faces, and the best of luck to Yvonne. . . . We thought that, when Bradley got a new alarm clock for Christmas, we wouldn't see that 7 and 1 o'clock rush anymore. Nevertheless, as the buzzer sounds every day, in rushes Brad on the double. Precision timing?

This happy group in the Foundry Production Control Office held a Christmas party on December 23

MAIN OFFICE

by Gloria Frabotta and Marlene J. Willard

We had two vacationists in our office last month. Robert Maynard and family spent a few enjoyable days in Stowe, Vermont. The weather for skiing was excellent and he recommends this resort for all lovers of the sport. The other was Frank Polucha who had a quiet week at home with his family. . . . Have the guards been issued new head gear to go with their uniforms? Ask Dick Conlee, who walked quite a distance in the office before noticing he had his soft hat on!! . . . What Payroll employee is known to have put his number plates on upside down after leaving a New Year's Eve party? . . . Albert Callens has left the Whitin Machine Works to take up a position with the A. M. Romero Corporation in New York. Recently a party was held in his honor, and a gift from his fellow workers presented. We all want to wish him lots of success in his new job. . . . We are sorry to report that Shirle Lightbown was out two weeks last month with virus pneumonia. We hope that, from here on in, it will be smoother sailing for her. . . . Many happy returns to Agnes Kalousdian, Dot Shaughnessy, Eleanor Baker, and Jim Graham. . . . Celebrating wedding anniversaries are John Hiscock, Bob Maynard, and Roy Rollins. . . . What happened to all the holiday photos? Your reporters were very disappointed as far as the lack of photos and news of holiday festivities for this month are concerned. Remember, to keep the column up, we must have your co-operation. . . . Our helpful hint for all motorists on a sleety or frosty night is taken from a T.V. program: Place a piece of saran wrap on the windshield of your car when parking it. This will save you needless scraping by simply removing the wrap when starting again.

METHODS DEPARTMENT

by Jean Cunningham

First we welcome Wendell Piper to the office. Hope he enjoys his stay with us. . . . We have had a few casualties this past month. One icy day Mary Anderson slipped and sprained her shoulder and col-

larbone. Mrs. Barnett also took to the ground and came up with a few bruises on her knees. We are glad to report that both are feeling much better now. . . . Everyone enjoyed themselves to the fullest at our Christmas party. There was plenty of food for everyone and of course the joke gifts always give everyone something to remember that particular Christmas by.

A gift of mixed cheeses was given to Mrs. Barnett, who happened to pick her own name out of a box containing everyone's name in the department. We know she has been enjoying the different flavors in the box. . . . Did all of you get a good look at Archie Bolivar's house at Christmas time? He is quite the decorator. He had such a nice display in front of his house that he even rated some space in the Worcester paper telling of the display and how good it was. . . . Everyone in the office wants to wish Charlie Brouwer much success in his new job as head of the Methods Estimating Section.

Rene Morel received a self-winding watch for Christmas. He realized this only after trying for half an hour to wind it. Sam Mateer says he is a methods man and would be willing to motorize the watch for Rene. . . . I must take time to congratulate the following people who are celebrating birthdays this month: Wilmot Hastings, Donald Lange, Charles Walker. May each one of them enjoy many more.

WAGE STANDARDS

by Donald H. Amiro

Department 485 welcomes Miss Joan Baker. Joan is working in the standard data section. . . . On the other hand, John Horan, of the foundry group, has left. To him we wish good luck. . . . We have heard that Lloyd Flint, who recently retired, is at this writing, greatly improved after an illness. . . . A large group of the office force recently had lunch and a social hour at Aunt Mary's. . . . A tip to the ladies: If you want to make your man happy, give him a barometer. Alden "Babe" Rosa and Lynn Richardson each received one for Christmas and are now, like so many men, giving the weather man plenty of competition. . . . Birthdays were observed by Arthur Broadhurst, Francis Fleener, Phillip Kozak and Walter Lanagan.

To Lewis and Mrs. Smith, a son, Jeffrey Alan, weight 9 lbs. 5½ ozs., on January 9.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stuart, Jr., a son, on January 11, 1955 at Whitinsville Hospital, weight 7 lbs. 10 ozs.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Henault, a daughter, Jodie Catherine, at Woonsocket Hospital on January 5.

To Carlton and Gloria Marshall, a daughter, Linda Marie, weight 6 lbs. 8 ozs., on December 30.

To Mr. and Mrs. Francis Jacobs, a daughter, Linda Bell, weight 7 lbs. 11 ozs., on January 5.

To Rene Thibault, Methods, and Mrs. Thibault, a son, Marc Joseph, on December 12, 1954.

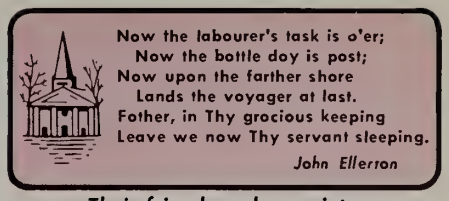
To Mr. and Mrs. Albert Trajanowski, a son, Kenneth John, on December 17.

To Martin and Mrs. Jorritsma, a daughter, Judith Ann, weight 6 lbs. 11 ozs., born December 19 at Whitinsville Hospital.

Paul Stoll and Angelina Fettuccia (of Wage Standards) were married on January 31 at 9:30 a.m. in St. Mary's Church, Uxbridge.

The engagement of Mary Cooper, Engineering Department, to Norman MacIntyre, Jr., has been announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Campa were married recently in St. Denis Church, East Douglas



Their friends and associates extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved

Joseph Lucier on the death of his father on January 6.

Fernande and Roger Arpin on the death of their father, Joseph Arpin, on January 12. Prior to his retirement in December, he had been employed in the Core Room for thirteen years.

Clayton Cleverly, Jr., Main Office, on the death of his father, Clayton Cleverly, Sr., of Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

Family and friends of Louis Laflamme, 64, of 830 Providence Road, Whitinsville, who died at the Whitinsville Hospital on December 23. Employed here as a ring polisher, he recently completed fifty years of continuous employment at the Whitin Machine Works.

Friends and relatives of Peter Murray, 87, of 24 C Street, Whitinsville, who died December 30 at St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester. A native of Newfoundland, he was a machinist at the Whitin Machine Works for thirty-five years prior to his retirement several years ago.

Survivors and friends of Harry Hamparsian, 70, of 29 D Street, Whitinsville, who died at St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester, on January 6. A native of Armenia, he was a molder at the Whitin Machine Works prior to his retirement two years ago.

Alexander Blanchette and Albert Bouchard, Department 437, on the death of their uncle, George Benoit in Whitinsville Hospital on December 26.

Family and friends of Hilda Vanden-Akker who died in Whitinsville Hospital on January 5.

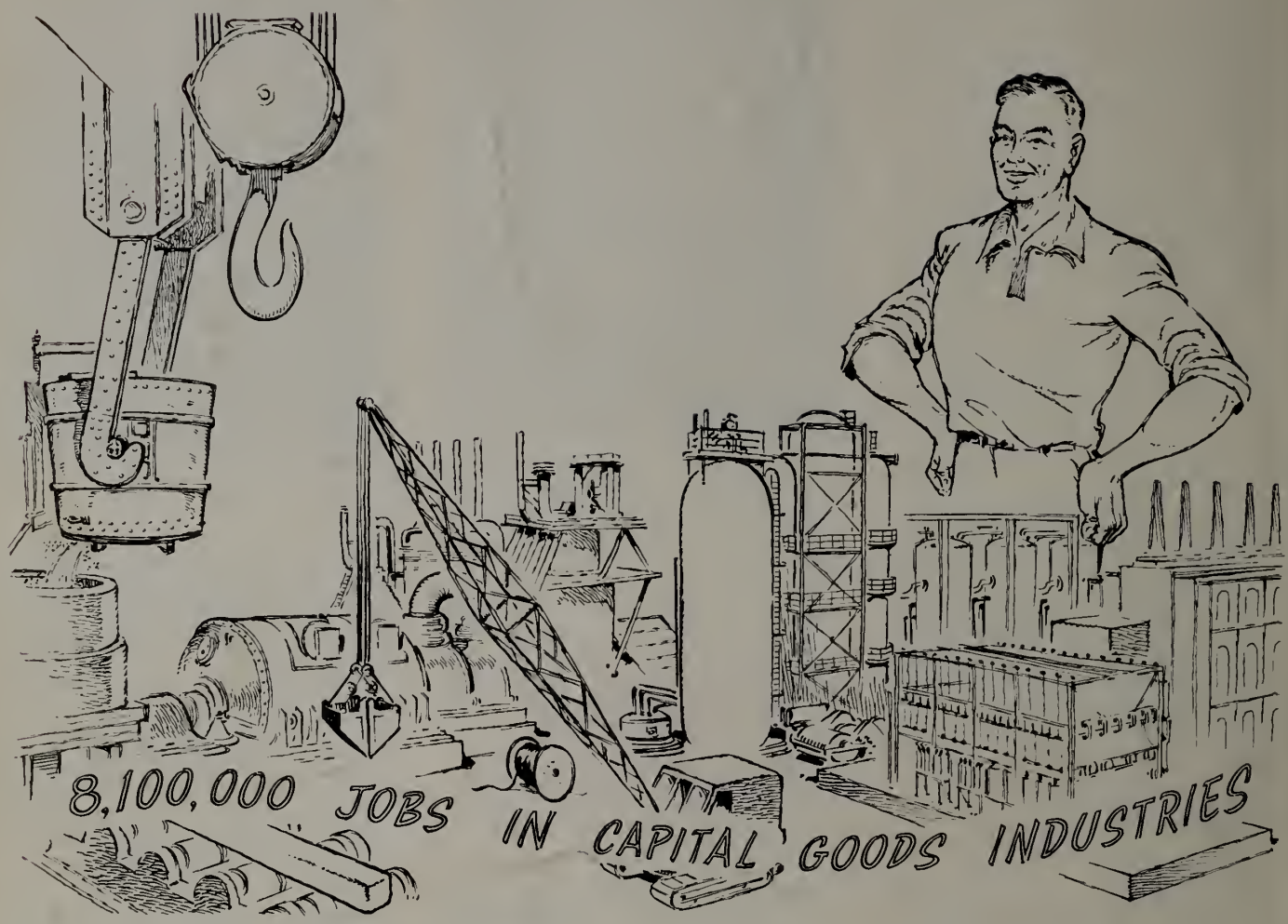
Walter Aslanian on the death of his mother in Florida.

Rita Deome on the death of her aunt in Canada.

Albert Houle on the death of his mother-in-law.

Columbia Brennan on the death of her husband.

Rapisardi Bosco of the Polishing Job on the death of his father.



What Kind of Spending Makes These Jobs?

MILLIONS of jobs — some 8,100,000 jobs, according to the latest available figures—are provided by the production, transportation, distribution and servicing in the capital goods industries. The people holding these jobs build industrial machinery, factories, tools—all the things needed to produce the goods we use in our everyday lives. Capital goods are basic to the life of the nation.

THE 8,100,000 jobs in the capital goods industries equal about half of all the jobs provided in manufacturing. They are created by investment spending—business expenditures for plant and equipment. We hear much talk about stimulating consumer spending, as if it were the *only* kind of spending that makes jobs. But let's remember that investment spending is just as vital —and 8,100,000 jobs depend on it.

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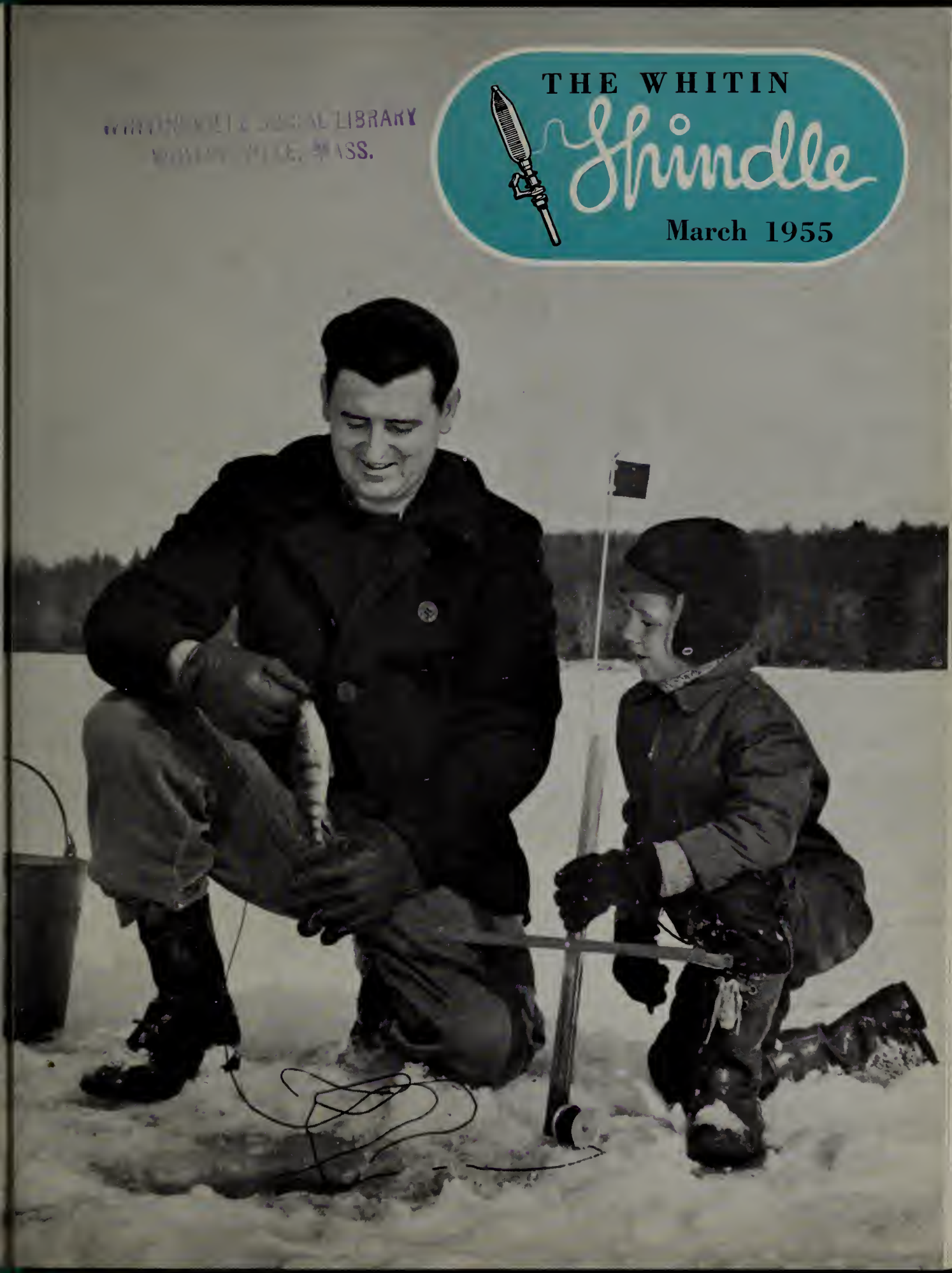


Familiar Faces

Around the Plant

Moses Marsoopian, Malder, has had continuous service at Whitin since 1918. He has 4 children and 5 grandchildren. One son was a pilot in World War II

James W. Chaplin, of the Cast Iron Room since 1947, lives in Woonsacket with his wife Lizzie and his 7-year ald doughter. Jim's hobbies include hunting and fishing

Mrs. Margaret Asadaarian, a lathe aperatar in 438, has 2 daughters, a son, and a granddaughter. She lives on B Street, Whitinsville, and her hobby is gardening

Mary Caoper, whase engagement was recently annaunced, works in the Drafting Room. Her favarite habby is bowling. She has an average of 95, which is excellent

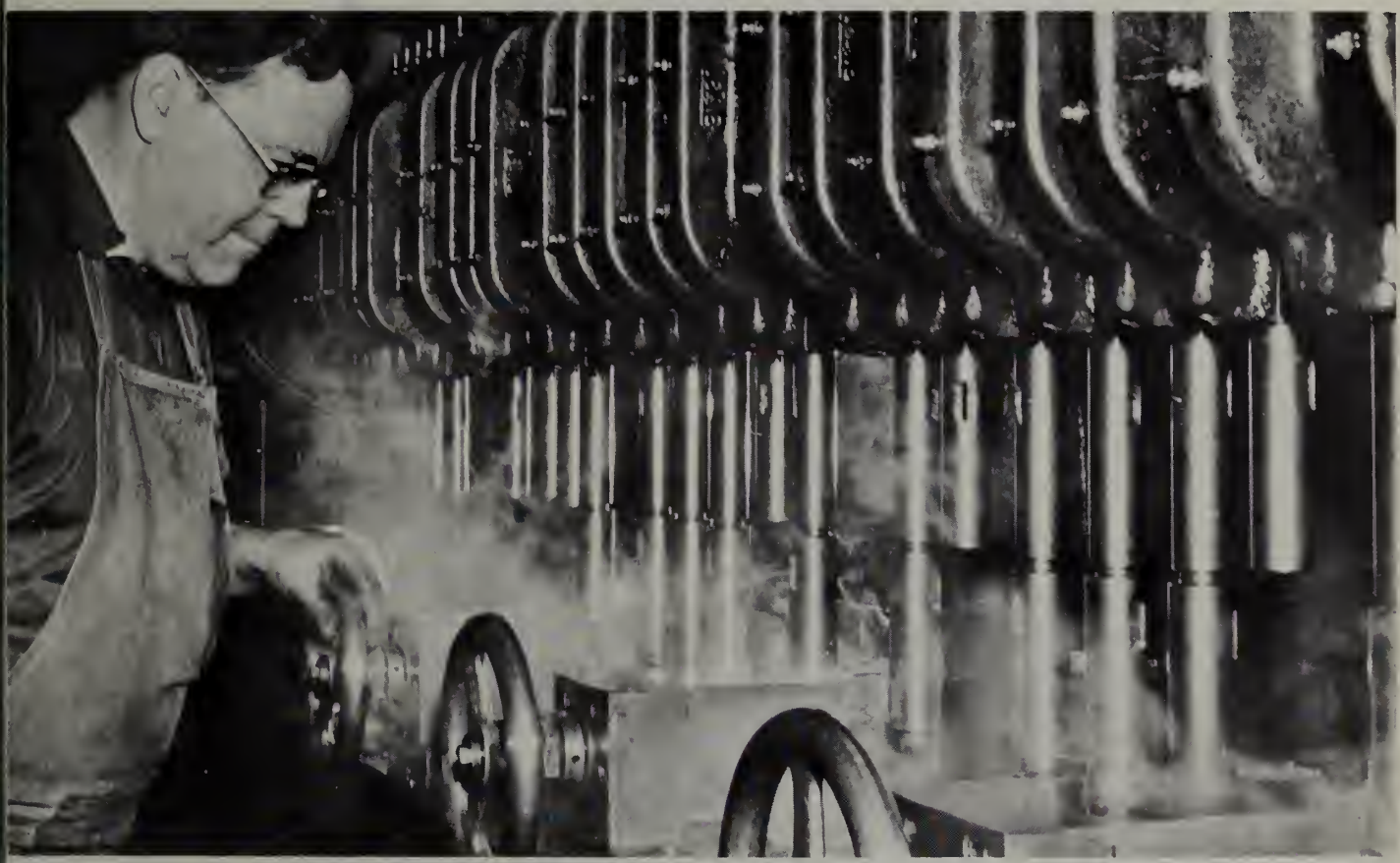
Walter Bautilier, elevatar operator, lives in the Blue Eagle, and has 45 years af service at Whitin. He has 2 daughters and was a gaad baseball player in his yauth

George Vincent, Bullard Hand on 417, has been with Whitin far 15 years. He is married and lives in Auburn. He likes baseball and is proud ta be a Yankee fan

George DesBarres, milling hand since 1923, warks on the night shift in 416. He is a former secretary of the Forest Fire Assoc., and has 2 sons and 2 daughters

WHITIN BUILDS

Much of the work done in Department 433 requires the drilling of holes of exact diameter in precise locations. Frank Robbins drills all of the holes in a Model "E" wool frame bolster rail in a single operation



on a FIRM FOUNDATION

The very foundation of Whitin Spinning frames and twisters is an iron chassis, and this iron skeleton is as important to textile machines as a foundation is to a house. In textile machines, as in houses, it is important that the builder start right, for any basic error will forever affect the finished product. The framework of Whitin machines is of the highest quality. This is largely due to the men and machines of Department 433.

Department 433, headed by Foreman Ernest Pickup, is a machining department whose main task is making parts for Department 448. Much of the work done here appears deceptively simple, while in reality it calls for exacting tolerances. These men finish mill and drill the longitudinal parts of Whitin frames with such skill and care that the variation in length of a 55-foot frame is less than one sixty-fourth of an inch. On a thirty-five frame order that means that over 93,000 holes must be precisely located and drilled, that numerous bearing surfaces must be spot-milled, and

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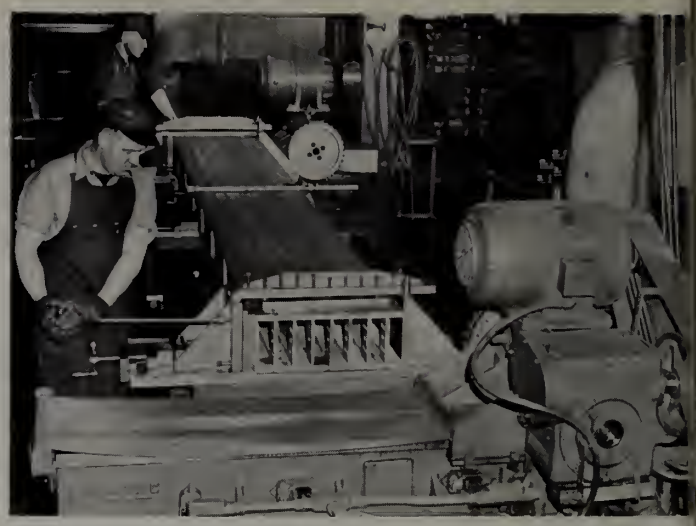
that a constant check must be kept on the accuracy of drawings and specifications. An error on a single side rail may cost the company as much as $350.

There are a number of factors which complicate the job. Parts are made for many types of Spinning frames and Twisters which are designed for cotton, rayon, wool, worsted, and synthetics. While many of the parts are of good gray iron from our Foundry, others are of steel, magnesium, and in a few cases, of aluminum. The several metals require the use of different techniques in machining them. Lastly, each Whitin machine is tailored to meet the exact needs of a particular customer and of the particular product he makes. For example, a cotton spinning frame may be built in lengths from a six foot sample frame up to a 51 foot production frame, with the average about 45 feet long. The precision work done in this department has contributed greatly toward reducing the number of hours needed to erect many of our textile machines.

It is worth our while to take a closer look at 433. We note that it is divided into two sections, a light machining section and a heavy machining section, with the importance of the two being equal. In the heavy machining section we note stacks of semi-finished parts which will become side rails, ring rails, and roller beams. These three items make up three-quarters of the work of the heavy machining group.

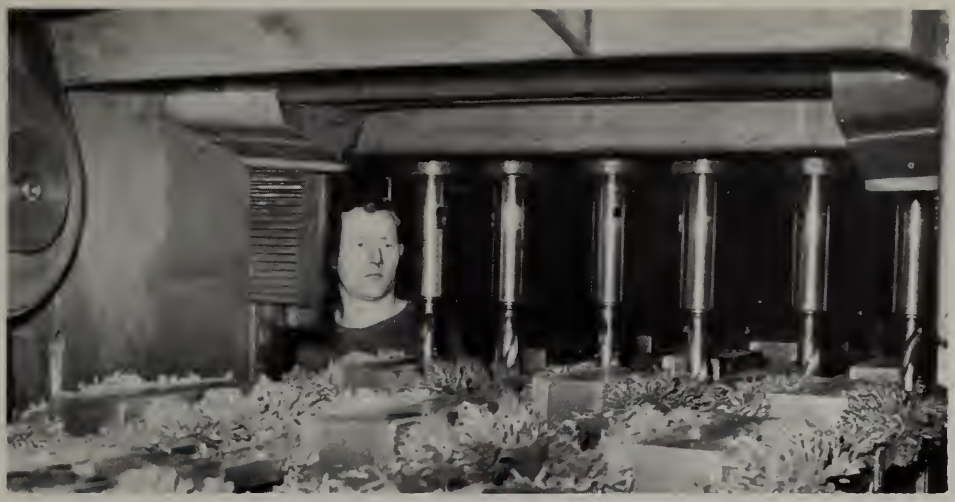
Basically, a Whitin frame has a head end and a foot end. Department 433 locates and drills about fifty holes in each head end, and locates holes, drills holes, and assembles the foot ends. The height and width of each frame is determined by sturdy large castings called sampsons which stand on adjustable feet; 433 makes more than sixty types of sampson feet. Running lengthways of the frame are longitudinal metal beams which position and hold the working parts of the frame.



Two high-speed carbide cutters, cost $2400 a pair, end mill side rails to accurate length. In the left foreground is Harry Cornell and in the background is Jacob Haringa

The holes in these side rails will hold the bolsters and spindles. These rails were previously machined to size in Department 414. They were milled to length with cutters which cost $2400 a pair. A lot of responsibility rests on the shoulders of the men who read the prints, lay out the rails, and drill the holes. Many of these men handle several different operations.

Manuel Oliver and Foreman Ernest Pickup check the size of ring holes on a partially erected frame. The arrows indicate some of the parts machined in Department 433: 1. Steel Creel Bindings; 2. Roller Beam; 3. Fingerboard showing Lappets and Pigtails; 4. Ring Rail; 5. Side Rails; 6. Head End



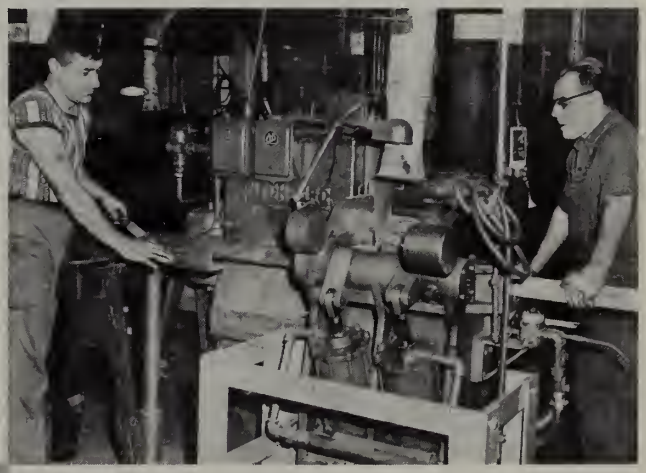
Cast iron chips flower as a six-spindle Maline drill operated by Wade Mills bites into six cast iron side rails. Mills must wark to micrometer settings. Rails are held in place by magnetic chucks

Another characteristic of the department is the orderly arrangement of the machines, planned so that the work may flow smoothly from operation to operation. The smooth work flow and the meticulous layout to blueprint is equally true of roller beams and ring rails.

The roller beam, the part of the frame that holds the roll stands, creel stands, and fingerboards, is handled in a manner similar to the side rails. Each of these beams must be spot milled wherever it bears on a sampson.

There is more variety to the ring rails, for they may be of iron, heavy steel, light steel, or magnesium. Whatever their variety, all ring rails hold the spinning rings and separators. Holes must be drilled, punched or

Belaw: On the left Armand Henault files the knife edges fram a raller beam while an the right Alfred LeBlanc spat mills the places where the roller beam will bear on the sampson



Above: Each head end requires the layaut and drilling of fifty holes of varying diameter, same of which must also be tapped. Dennis Caurnayer, operating a special radial drill, drills the head end of a Madel "F5"

Left: Serias respansibility rests an the shaulders of the men wha lay aut the varias pieces to blueprint. Francis Haran lays out a raller beam

A Firm Foundation (continued)

bored. Where required they may be line reamed, tapped, hand burred, or coined. Again, what looks like a simple job requires high skill, for the resulting hole must be of the exact size and in the exact location.

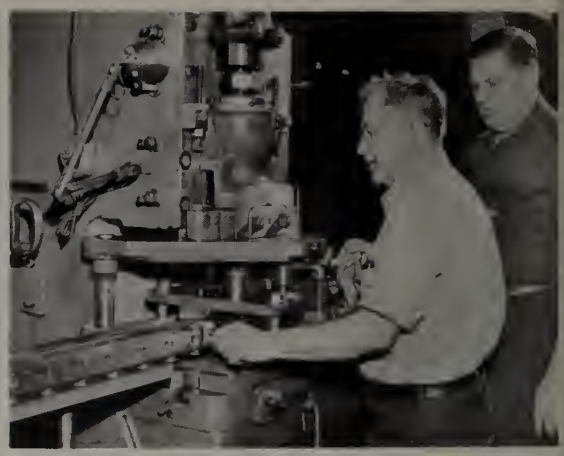
A brisk walk down the erecting floor brings us to the light machining section. We note at once that the nine men here are handling lighter angle iron and bar stock. We find the same attention to layout and the same high skills.

This section produces, among other things, connecting rods, separator rods, trumpet rods, creel rails for twisters, creel binding for spinning frames, all types of fingerboards, scavenger rolls, bottom rails for wool, and twister head rails for wool.

The total work force is under Foreman Ernest Pickup, a native of Lancashire, England, who came to this country at the age of 16. Prior to joining Whitin in December of 1930, Ernie was a foreman at Fales and Jencks, Pawtucket. He and his wife Alice Ann celebrated their thirtieth wedding anniversary last year at their home at 14 Plummer Park West. His hobby is improving his house and grounds.

Ernie is assisted by Assistant Foreman Clinton G. White of Hazel Street, Uxbridge. Clint and Irene White have five sons whose ages range from seventeen years to four years. His hobbies are carpentry and masonry. He recently completed construction of his own house.

Among the senior employees are Alfred LeBlanc, 38 years; Jacob Haringa, 37 years; Robert Gellatly, 30 years; Ernest Pickup, 25 years; Frank Rondeau, 22 years; Harold J. Cornell, 20 years.



Above: Assistant Foreman Clinton White looks on as Frank Rondeau, punch operator, punches holes in light steel ring rails. In a following operation the holes will be coined to remove knife edges

Left: Whitin constantly takes advantage of newer manufacturing techniques. Formerly lappets were laboriously hand riveted to fingerboards; now Ward Guyles, using an automatic, air-operated jig, spot welds them

Right: A whirling saw blade, operated by Sidney DeJong, slices a wool frame cast iron ring rail like cheese

Above: Nimble fingers are required for certain assemblies. On the left George Nichols adds pigtails to a cotton frame fingerboard while on the right Robert Gellatly adds porcelain guides to a wool frame fingerboard

Below: Ring rails for synthetics are made of bar magnesium. John Fleszer slots a bar on a shaper

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WE PLAY 3 ROLES

Since we enjoy the highest standard of living in the world, all of us want to make certain that any changes which are made in our business system will increase this standard, not decrease it.

In addition, we want to be sure that whatever changes are made will benefit us in the three roles which most of us play—1. As producers: in working for a living, each of us helps to produce a product or a service. 2. As customers: we all buy products and services produced by others. 3. As savers: most of us put something aside in bank accounts, insurance policies, bonds, or in business enterprises.

As producers we want to earn all we can. But as customers we want lower prices, more for our money. And as savers we want as high a return as we can get on our savings and investments.

FRONT COVER: Ice fishing. Jimmie Blair, 5 years old and nephew of Marilyn Blair of Methods, watches intently as Andy Frieswyk, of the Metal Pattern Job, removes the hook from a small yellow perch caught at Carpenter's Reservoir.

Whitin Personality

JOHN S. DUDLEY, Research Designer, is a consistent man at work and at play. As a designer, he has worked on a series of highly successful Whitin machines, including the Model J Comber, Rotodrafter, and Even-Draft Draw Frame. His work shows the result of his broad background of training and experience.

As a leisure time activity, he is a football fan who, since 1928, has been a strong supporter of the University of Minnesota football team. "I figure they run in a ten-year cycle," says John. "The first ten years, they were good; the next ten, not so good. Now I feel assured that they are again on the up-swing. I'm sticking to Minnesota, for it's about time they had another 'Broncho' Nagurski."

Born in Douglas, Massachusetts, on December 20, 1911, John spent his early days in a colonial house built prior to the Revolution. He attended Douglas public schools, Allen Chalmers Military Academy, Mt. Herman School, and graduated from Worcester Boys' Trade School. Later he attended Douglas High to gain additional credits to qualify for college entrance, attended evening sessions at the Rhode Island School of Design for two years, and attended evening sessions at Worcester Tech for three years. He gained practical experience by working for Schuster Woolen Co., Uxbridge Worsted, and the Whitin Machine Works in Department 422, Milling Job 416 and Small Planer Job 415. He entered the Engineering Department on March 19, 1934 and the Research Division in January, 1950.

John and his wife Meredith live with 11-year old Robert, 10-year old Meredith, and 8-month old John in a comfortable house that John had built in 1941. John's oldest son, 22-year old Walter, who recently received his discharge from the Coast Guard, enjoys fishing in the pond at the end of John's 15-acre tract.

SHELL MOLDING

Albert Tardie, shell molding machine operotor, lifts o completed shell from the pattern. The shell will be divided in the center, and the two halves cemented together to make o mold for parts for the new duplicator. In the foreground is the investment box containing about 200 pounds of sand and resin mix. In the background is the sliding oven which cures the back of the shells. The entire cycle takes about two minutes

The new process produces oluminum, bronze, bross, or gray iron castings with a smooth finish requiring little or no machining. Foundry Superintendent Raymon Meader and Foreman Robert C. Wolker compare o shell for duplicotor parts with castings produced in identical shells

A New Process in the Foundry

Robert Ferry, nan-ferrous melter, removes a crucible containing 40 pounds of molten oluminum from the furnace. Tongs are used to lift the crucible which ot this point hos a temperature of 1450 degrees Fahrenheit

A NEW molding method now used in our Foundry produces aluminum, bronze, and gray iron castings with a finish and precision so fine that almost all machining is eliminated. This technique, used on certain small castings, supplements, rather than replaces, our regular green sand casting of large parts.

Shell molding was invented by a German named Johannes Croning during World War II. German inventions captured during World War II are regarded as public property and no fee is required for their use. At Whitin, the technique was refined during the operation of a pilot plant from August, 1951, to September, 1954, and now produces castings accurate to .005 inch across the joint.

Basically, a shell mold is a mixture of sharp silica molding sand and a resin, known as a thermosetting phenol, which becomes hard when heated. About 6 pounds of the binding resin are mulled with each 94 pounds of dry sand. Those who like tongue-twisting words will be interested in knowing that the binder is a mixture of 90% phenol resin and 10% hexamethylenetetramine.

The mold is made by dumping the dry sand and resin mix on a heated metal pattern. The heat sets the resin. The back of the pattern is cured by additional heat. Pins lift the quarter-inch thick shell from the pattern; the cope and drag sections are separated; cement is applied to the edges and the two halves of the mold joined together under vacuum pressure. The entire cycle takes about two minutes, and produces a golden-colored mold. The casting made in the mold will be precisely like the pattern. This precision challenges our highly skilled pattern makers to produce even finer, smoother patterns.

Bouke Delang, who during World War II hid from the Germans as a farm hand, breaks the molds away from the gleaming castings

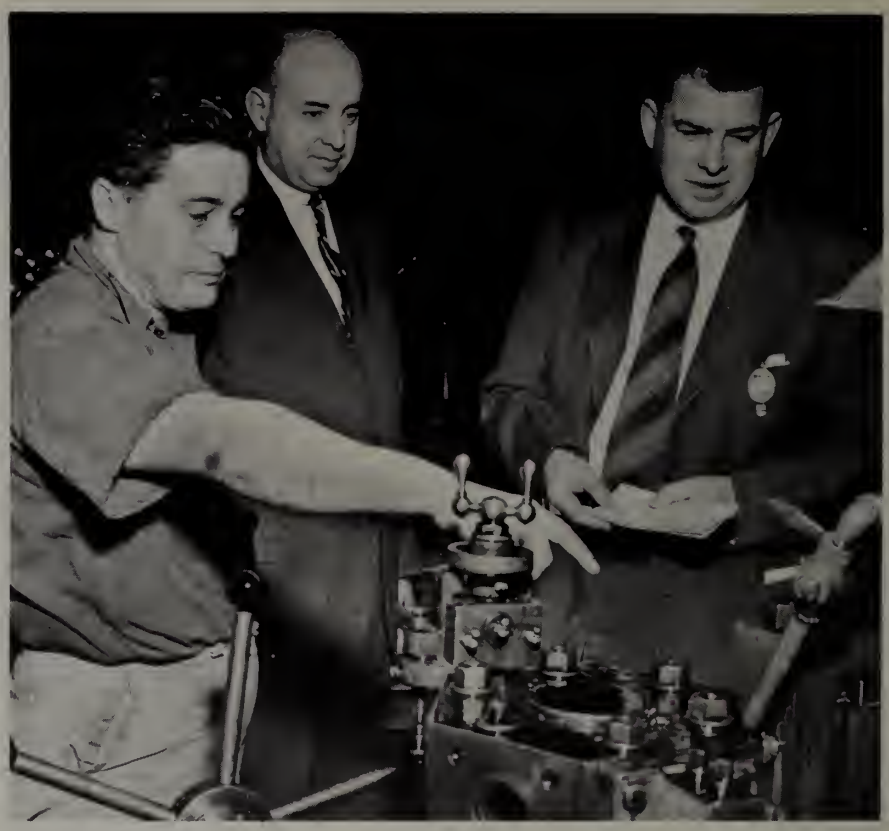
The metal is carried to the molds by Arthur Caron, left, and Richard Chester. Pouring is done by Robert Ferry, right. Note paper shields which keep foreign material from the interior of the mold and the iron weights placed on top of the molds

The finished molds may be stored or may be used at once. Cores may also be shell-molded, but in practice Whitin is using many regular oil sand cores in shell molding. The finished molds hold the metal while permitting all the air and gas to pass through.

There are many advantages to this type of molding. Making shell molds is a clean job. The castings, which may be held to very close tolerances, need little cleaning or machining. There are few scrap losses, and there is a higher yield of castings per ton of melt. While the cost to the Foundry of a shell-molded casting is higher than the cost of a green sand-molded casting, the other advantages combine to make shell molding a more economic process for the Whitin Machine Works.

Supervised by Foreman Robert C. Walker, the new section of the Foundry has completed production of ring holders, pulleys, cams, top roll stands, and other parts for our textile machines. The result to our customers will be a better product at a lower cost.

Lightning may seldom strike twice in the same place, but suggestion awards are often won repeatedly by the same individual or team. In the last quarter of 1954 Marcel J. Plante, Department 423, won three awards totaling $289. The jig he is showing to Mr. J. H. Cunningham, center, and Mr. E. O. Pierson, right, brought him $192



Suggestion Awards

For Last Quarter of 1954

Dept.	Name	Suggestion Number	Amount of Award
423	Marcel J. Plante	54–188	$192.00
411	Leon Atteridge Clarence Beauregard	54–137	152.00
411	Paul Hendrickson	54–38	117.00
466	John Connolly Oliver Coulombe	54–46	96.00
423	Marcel J. Plante	54–142	80.00
428	Lawrence Duhamel	53–167	50.00
452	Rosaire Rajotte	54–149	50.00
489	Herbert Ashworth	54–110	25.00
407	Lionel J. Henault	54–171	25.00
452	Rosaire Rajotte	54–154	20.00
406	Raymond Picard	54–168	20.00
423	Marcel J. Plante	54–163	17.00
411	Leon Atteridge Clarence Beauregard	54–136	16.00
462	Thad J. Fronczak Joseph Platukis	54–195	$16.00
423	Henry W. Nelson	54–204	13.00
424	Hector W. Chase Norman Stanley	54–146	9.00
411	James C. McQuilkin	54–133	7.50
462	Leonard Imondi	54–143	7.50
424	Hector W. Chase Norman Stanley	54–140	7.50
411	Joseph Winoski	54–148	7.50
454	Ralph Smith	54–196	7.50
461	Ralph Anderson	54–207	7.50
424	Hector Chase Norman Stanley	54–173	7.50
454	George Moran	54–223	7.50

SNOW FIGHTERS

Above: Snow, beautiful snow—and a six to twelve inch snowfall costs the Whitin Machine Works between $2000 and $2500. Before the fall has ceased, truck plows begin clearing streets and tractor plows begin clearing sidewalks. In the center Foreman Charlie Commons, Outside Maintenance, directs as Arthur Ashton, left, and Leon Dudo, right, operate their plows in tandem to clear the sidewalk by the Blue Eagle Annex

Upper right: The big Sicard's augers and blower make it possible to do weeks of work in a matter of hours, for it takes less than thirty seconds to load a truck. The machine loads snow so rapidly that it is necessary to have a line of at least five trucks waiting in order to make its use practical. Here Matthew Pulnik drives the Sicard, Willie Boileau operates the chute, and Lester Wallace drives the truck. In open spaces the Sicard hurls the snow into empty fields or the nearest pond

MASSACHUSETTS' weather is said to be varied, which means that during the winter months it is apt to be just plain miserable. No one knows that better than Foreman Charles Commons, Outside Maintenance. On a winter's eve, when the temperature is 28 to 32 degrees, Charlie sleeps lightly, for he is apt to be hauled from his bed at any hour of the night.

On a typical night the phone may shrill at 11:35 p.m. Charlie picks up the phone extension by his bed and hears "Charlie? This is Bill Williams, Northbridge Highway Department. We've got about an inch of wet snow. Weather Service, Inc., says we're due for about five inches, changing to freezing rain." Charlie swings into action.

He goes to the door and looks at the weather. It's bad, and is getting worse. A phone call sends the salt truck and three men out to keep the roads mushy and not packed. But the snow is coming too fast for effective salting. Plow crews for five trucks must be alerted.

Within the hour plow crews report from their homes in Whitinsville and surrounding towns. At the Garage they report in—Ralph Roberts, Alfred Vallee, Eugene Ethier, Roland Guertin, Lester Wallace, John Collins, Rene Remillard, Archie Bolivar, John McNelly, Arthur White, Edward Connors, Arthur Pellerin, William Brouillette and Bernard Conlee. The motors in five trucks turn, and crews are off to keep Shop streets, parking areas, and drives open.

And still the snow falls. At the three-inch mark a Cletrac operator is awakened and sent to open sidewalks. At the same time a call to Erle Simmons warns that it is necessary to plow and salt narrow gauge and standard gauge railroad lines, to hand shovel switches,

and to thaw frozen switches with flaming kerosene torches. Other Whitin workers, who have already worked an eight-hour day shift, tumble from their beds.

Wet, cold, and heavy, the snow still falls fast. A truck with a snapped drive shaft is towed in to the Garage for repairs. Mechanics snap to work; three-quarters of an hour later the truck roars away to buck snow from the streets. At 4:00 a.m. the truck teams with a second Whitin truck and two Town trucks to swing down Linwood Avenue. In tandem, the four trucks pile the snow from the road and rail line.

At 6:30 the weary drivers and helpers pile into the diner for breakfast. At 7:00 they must be back at the Garage to meet the other fifteen men of the crew, some of whom have also worked the entire night. The fifteen—Harold Buxton, Leon Duda, Arthur Ashton, Clifton Maynard, William Scanlon, Daniel Campbell, Alexander St. Germain, Willie Boileau, Matthew Pulnik, Peter Prymak, Francis Turner, Michael Stanick, Carl Larsson, Louis Yacino, and Paul Chapdelaine —know their assignments.

The first half of the battle is won. Whitin employees can park in the areas. Sidewalks are clear. A carload of pig iron to keep the stacks busy rumbles up Linwood Avenue as a truck backs into the loading pit for a shipment of Whitin machines. An old timer tells a youth "You don't see storms like we had when I was your age. Look, the streets are practically bare."

Great piles of snow still litter the edges of the street. Other equipment is called on. A second Cletrac joins the first in piling the snow into long windrows slightly away from the curb. A Farmall tractor, truck, and men with shovels team up to clean hard-to-reach areas such as near the poles, while other men with shovels put the finishing touches to the office entrances. Then the heavy artillery, the big six-and-a-half ton Sicard is brought into action.

In open areas the Sicard chews into piles five and six feet high and hurls the packed snow and ice as far as 150 feet into fields and ponds. On the streets a chute conveys the snow into a waiting line of five trucks, filling each truck in less than thirty seconds. The whirling augers, powered by a 145-horsepower Hercules engine, make short work of the drifts.

The loaded trucks shuttle to the riverbank near the Research Division. Already several hundred truckloads of snow have been dumped by Whitin trucks. Other trucks hired by Whitin from the Duggan Construction Company are doing similar work for Whitin. Town of Northbridge trucks dump in the same spot. As the mountain of snow rises, a call to the Power House requests Lawrence Ball to release extra water to carry the snow away.

P. B. Walker and Delwyn Barnes pause to confer with Charles on the progress made. Charlie has been on the go since his phone rang. A heavy storm may require as long as thirty-two continuous hours of work to clean up. After working those hours, men must be given time to sleep.

The cost and amount of snow removal is almost impossible to predict. In the winter of 1947–48 about 188 inches of snow fell. That year the bill was in the neighborhood of $190,000. An open winter like that of 1952–53 brings a bill of only a few thousand dollars.

The next time you find that, although it had snowed heavily, the Whitin Machine Works is open, give thanks to these men who for long hours in the cold and wet opened roads, sidewalks, and parking areas.

Hard-to-reach corners are cleared by men with shovels and a lift tractor. Frank Turner, at the controls of the tractor, loads a truck operated by Alfred Vallee

Town trucks and Plant trucks dump a mountain of snow to be carried away by the swirling waters of the Mumford River. If the snow pile threatens to clog the river, the Power House crew releases additional water to free the river

Left: Joe Fenner, Department 401, and his nephew, Donald Clark, rig the soil of the iceboat built by Donald's father, Chester Clark. In strong winds this craft will hit speeds in excess of sixty miles per hour. Below: Stretched in the cockpit of his unnomed boat, Joe demonstrates his skill by whirling the baat around in o fourteen-foot space. In split seconds the boat will be doing ot least thirty miles per hour. Cockpit can accommodate two persons

HOBBY—

Ice Boating

When wintry winds freeze the waters on our local lakes, yachtsmen reluctantly put away their sailing until spring. Not so Joseph H. Fenner, Jr., wood pattern maker and sailing enthusiast, who puts his sailboat into storage with positive joy. He awaits with eagerness the day when the ice is at least three inches thick and there is promise of a strong wind. For on that day Joe will be scudding over the surface of Meadow Pond at a speed of sixty miles an hour. Beneath him will be a 3 x 8 spruce plank, and three cast-iron runners will be knifing into the ice. Joe, a lover of all winter sports, is especially fond of one of the fastest—ice boating.

The boat Joe now uses was built by his brother-in-law, Chester Clark of 437. The gaff-rigged craft is built in the form of a cross, with the backbone an 18-foot 3 x 8 spruce plank, and the 12-foot cross piece, or outrigger, a solid 6 x 6 spruce beam. The three pivoted cast-iron runners, two inches high and an inch-and-a-quarter thick, are ground to a knife edge. Total weight of the boat, which cost about $150, is 350 pounds.

When not in use, the boat is disassembled and stored in the garage of Joe's home at 12 D Street. The craft is hauled to Meadow Pond by trailer. It takes Joe about an hour-and-a-half to bolt the pieces together, tighten the 5/16ths steel cabling, step the mast, and raise the sail. Then come hours of enjoyment, for Joe stays until his face is windburned. "If it's a very cold day I eventually have icicles on my face," Joe reports.

The mast is stepped five feet back from the bow. A mainsail and jib are mounted to the mast, which was shaped from an 18-foot spruce 4 x 4. Steering is done by a tiller mounted a foot from the stern. Because of the limited size of Meadow Pond, speeds are limited to not more than sixty miles per hour, but, on larger bodies of ice, racing iceboats have reached speeds well over a hundred miles an hour.

The unusual craft never fails to attract a large crowd of spectators. Among the questions most commonly asked of Joe are "Where is the motor?", "How do you drive that thing?" and "What kind of fuel do you use?" Joe patiently explains that it is all done by the sail. Many beg rides, and Joe sometimes carries one or two passengers. Others are frightened by the speed.

Joe recommends ice boating as a sport because it makes possible the thrill of controlled speed, because the necessary equipment can be designed and built at home, and because it is a safe, healthy, outdoor sport.

The opportunities to achieve greater success are limitless. The stars are not barriers. Men through the ages have reached for them, and have risen higher by reaching.

JEST A JOKE

"Our wants are derived from education and habit," said somebody. I wish the Joneses hadn't become so educated, and slaves to habit—they're bankrupting me!

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A cyclone hit a farmhouse just before dawn. It lifted the roof off, picked up the bed on which the farmer and wife slept and set it down gently in the back yard. The wife was crying. "Don't be scared, Mary," her husband said, "we're not hurt."

"I'm not scared," she responded between sobs. "I'm just happy 'cause this is the first time in 14 years we've been out together."

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Four card sharps got together on the train and a tense hard-fought game ensued. Suddenly, the dealer tossed his cards down and said: "This game is crooked."

"What makes you think so?" queried the card sharp on his left.

"Because that guy isn't playing the same cards I dealt him."

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A small boy came home dejected from his first day at school.

"Ain't goin' tomorra," he sputtered.

"And why not?" his mother asked.

"Well, I can't read and I can't write, and they won't let me talk, so what's the use."

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Mother: "Jimmy, sit down and tell your sister a story."

Jimmy: "I can't sit down. I just told Dad a story."

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One flea to the other, as they walked down Main Street: "Shall we walk or take a dog?"

He was coming down the street in a barrel.

"What's the idea," growled a cop. "Are you a poker player?"

"No," was the reply, "but I just spent the evening with some guys who are."

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The amateur golfer stepped up to the tee and looked towards the hole some 250 yards away. He turned to the caddy and said, "That's good for a drive and one putt."

With a vicious swing, he topped the ball, which rolled two feet.

The caddy immediately stepped up, handed him a putter and said, "Now for a long putt."

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It was 7:45 a.m. when the circus midget crawled wearily down from the upper berth on the cross-country train.

"Never again," he remarked to a friend, "Never again will I drink coffee before retiring. I didn't sleep all night."

At precisely the same moment, two traveling men sat down to breakfast in the train's dining car.

"Sleep well, George?" the friend inquired.

"I did not," was the disgusted reply. "For the rest of the trip I'm on the wagon. I didn't sleep a wink. And all through the night I had a crazy idea that someone was walking back and forth in the berth above me."

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Sunday School Teacher: "Now children, tell me who were St. Matthew, St. Mark and Peter."

A Tiny Voice: "I don't know about dem udder two fellers, but I fink Peter wuz a wabbit."

KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

SPINNING SMALL PARTS

by Jake Sohigian

First of all, this month, we would like to welcome back Louie Lambert and Harry Freeman. The addition of these new faces each month is making the job look like old times once again. . . . Our great bowler, Jerry Levitre, after many unsuccessful attempts, finally hit a lusty 365 in the Swedish Men's League of Woonsocket. If he could be a little more consistent he could be of great help to Franny Forsythe's team which represents Department 429. Perhaps he could get them wedged out of the cellar where they seem to have become a permanent fixture. Practice makes perfect! . . . Johnny Karagosian, our acc inspector, has left us to attend school, and our sincere wishes for good luck accompany him. . . . Don Simmons has undergone a major operation at Memorial Hospital, Worcester, and we hope everything turns out O.K. for him. Don is expected to carry the brunt of the load for the 429's baseball team come this spring. . . . Florence Zeroogian, while doing housework, tripped and suffered a bruised knee and puffed lip. . . . Nevart Santucci's father is the sole proprietor of the old Belval Cafe in North Uxbridge. They specialize in fish and chips each Friday. . . . Franny Forsythe's daughter, Alice, finally got rid of the Model T Ford that had been decorating their back yard for some time. I had thought it was a family heirloom.

By the time this issue is made public, all major league teams will have headed South, so I may have some interesting baseball news for you, particularly about the prospects of the Red Sox.

RING JOB

by Robert E. Balcome

Our news this month is brief, so we will add a few birthday greetings: Cornelius Ebbeling, Gert Ebbeling, Carl Johnson, Alphonse Turgeon and Ken McCullough. Many happy returns to you all and any others whom I have not listed. . . . We welcome to the Ring Job, James L. Larson, William Gjeltema, George A. Charpentier and Joseph W. Plouffe. Also for a return engagement, Dorothy Seagraves and Margaret Marshall. Margaret worked two days, then left us for a short time in the hospital. She is now back with our inspection force. Chet Clark suddenly appeared one morning and is back at work after several months. Welcome to you all. . . . Joe Witek, our fisherman-hunter and all-round sportsman, has gone in for something new. You couldn't guess it, but Joe recently entertained, at his home, 23 young folks and Father Alfred from St. Ann's Orphanage. Of course it was for that wonderful daughter, Elaine.

Please try to get your pictures and items of news to me before the 15th of each month. Because after that date it will be one or two months before they are published.

BOOSTER DART JOB

by Rita Deome

Hello to all of you. It's only I pinch-hitting for your reporter, Marion Larsen.

Joseph Turgeon, of the Ring Job, and his nine-months-old grandson

At this writing Marion is convalescing at home after having been in the Doctor's Hospital for several weeks. We are all hoping that by the time this issue comes off the press, she will be well and back with us again. We miss her so our sincerest get well wishes go out to Marion. . . . During the past month we have had a few transfers in our supervision file—Harry Bedigian, one of our supervisors has left us to work in the Methods Department and Sid Daubney, one of our group leaders, to Department 419. Good luck and our best wishes to both of them. . . . The welcome mat is spread to Clarence Aldrich, a newcomer to our department. Clarence is an inspector. . . . Spring must be just around the corner—at least, not so far away because the favorite subject at the moment is golf. Our golf enthusiasts are all talking a fair game, so let's say a good season ahead to all of them. . . . We welcome back Al Houle, who had been on our sick list for several weeks while in the hospital and while convalescing at home. Also to Annie DeYoung who has been out sick. It's nice to see them both well and back with us again. . . . Well this is all for this trip. It was nice writing for you again and so long for now.

Arthur Boillorgeon, Department 424, retired on January 28, 1955, in his fiftieth year in the Whitin Machine Works. A purse, the gift of his fellow workers, was presented by Foreman Henry Kooistra

Howard Heald, Department 448, is the proud grandfather of alert Ricky Schug

David Niel Visbeck is the grandson of Sikke Visbeck of Department 439

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

by Thomas Frieswyk

Al Couture went deer hunting up in the deep woods of western Massachusetts and bagged himself a 14-point buck. When do we eat the venison supper, Al? . . . Warren Bailey swears that a tree jumped in front of his car in Grafton and ruined the front end of his new Ford. . . . Mike is still cutting hurricane wood on his property. It must be tough cutting your own fire wood, Mike. . . . Tom Shaw, who wanted to install an outside light near the front door of his house, drilled the hole in the middle of the front hall and carpet. . . . We are glad to welcome back Harry Frisiello and William Kelley after their illnesses. . . . Congratulations to John Wright who celebrated his 29th wedding anniversary on February 16. . . . Donald Mullen went out to trade in his car for a new one, but someone's fast talking resulted in his walking to and from the bus stop.

METAL PATTERNS

by Bill Prior

Personality: Romeo Heroux was born in Providence in 1912 and came to the Town of Northbridge at an early age. He lives in his own home on McBride Street in Rockdale. Romeo started at Whitin Machine on the Spinning floor in 1933. He was laid off in 1940 but returned in 1945 to work in Department 402. He is a Maintenanceman Class I and his specialty is Foundry Molding equipment. Romeo is a very active member in the Legion having served as Commander and now holds the office of Senior Vice Commander. He also takes in all of the Legion Conventions. He is married to the former Marian Tebeau of Canada. Romeo served in the Sea Bees during World War II as a Motor Mechanic. As for hobbies, the Legion takes a lot of his time but he also is fond of sports.

Bill Perry, of our Crib, is recovering from a back operation. The date of his return to work, however, is not known. We all wish him well. . . . Gerritt Dykstra, 402 foreman, is home after surgery at a Worcester hospital. We expect he will have returned by the time this is published. . . . First new car buyer of 1955 is Ray Belanger with his new Ford.

Francis Lockwood, shaper hand in Department 445, is the father of 3-year old Linda, 7-year old Patricia, and 1-year old Mary

Foreman Edward Nuttall, Paint Job, is the grandfather of James Stewart, shown at the age of three months

NICKEL PLATING AND PARKERIZING

by Edmond Leduc

Personality of the Month: Phil Heney was born in 1891 in Drummondsville, Canada. At the age of 10 years, Phil came to the United States and was educated in the Blackstone public schools. As Phil grew older, he worked in Lawrence, Mass., New York City, Nashua, N. H., Hopedale, Mass., and finally came to work in the Whitin Machine Works. Phil has worked on the Chuck, Ring, Flyer and Parkerizing jobs attaining a total of 22 years' service. Phil was married on December 24, 1928 to Parmelia Loiselle. They have a son, Phil, Jr. Phil makes his home at 40 Church Street, Northbridge. His hobby, we are proud to say, is following the fortunes of the Boston Red Sox.

We understand Foreman Ernest Lawson has undertaken the task of raising guppies for a hobby. At last report we hear that it is proving quite a headache to him, for the larger ones are forever eating up the smaller and less fortunate ones. After considerable experimentation and examination the problem is still unsolved. Our suggestion to Ernie is to put muzzles on the bigger guppies. If any one else in the shop has any suggestions, please notify Ernie at once. . . . Congratulations to Joseph Lemoine of the Nickel Plating Room on receiving his 15-year pin. It was presented to him by William Steele. . . . Bob Stewart has just completed extensive repairs to his home. For awhile Bob used to say that his home was very cold and drafty but by adding new storm windows, new roof, and completely re-siding his home, he now feels as snug as a bug in a rug.

WOOD PATTERNS

by Vera Taylor

Personality of the Month: Robert Shaw was born in Whitinsville on October 28, 1925. He attended Northbridge Public Schools, graduating from Northbridge High School in June 1943. He spent three years in the Navy as an aerial gunner. He served mostly in the Pacific, breaking the hearts of innumerable Japanese girls, no doubt.

After his discharge Bob attended Worcester Boys' Trade School studying carpentering. In October, 1948, he started as an apprentice on the Wood Pattern Job—his initial appearance in the Whitin Machine Works having been on the famed Magneto Job before he entered the service. Bob graduated as a Wood Pattern Maker with his class in 1954. Among his outside activities he lists golfing, bowling, sailing. He is a member of the Whitinsville Fire Department, The Whitin Male Glee Club, Blood Donor's Club, The United Presbyterian Church and their choir. In regard to some of these activities—he ran the Quaker Driving Range last summer; he is captain of the Apprentice Bowling team which has won the championship the past two years, and has won the first half of this year's league. According to latest reports they can't win the second half but of course will roll off in the finals. Bob at one time owned his own sailboat and hopes to obtain a bigger and better one this year. Incidentally, girls, if you are interested, Bob is at present unattached and drives a light blue 1954 Pontiac Convertible.

MYSTERY PHOTO—The man on the left in last month's mystery photo is Normon MocIntyre Sr. of the Moin Office. In his younger days the fellow on the right enjoyed camping and outdoor life

Birthday greetings in March to Herman Buma and to Raymond Stanovich. Many Happy Returns! . . . We're glad to welcome back James Ferguson who has been hospitalized with a blood clot in his leg. Jim spent about two weeks in Whitinsville Hospital and enjoyed every minute of it. We wonder how soon he'll be back square dancing again. . . . We hope Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McGovern enjoyed their recent trip to Daytona Beach, Florida. The sunshine was no doubt welcome after the snow and cold around here.

Al Sutcliffe became a grandfather for the fifth time, recently—fifth grandson, too. It must be getting a little monotonous, Al. Al has three daughters, himself. Speaking of them, June, his youngest daughter, has been accepted at Framingham State Teacher's College. . . . It won't be long till Johnny Dominick hears those wedding bells. He finally convinced his fiancée to name the date, which is May 30, 1955.

BOLSTER JOB

by Charles Kheboian

Our department has been undergoing a face lifting during the past few months. Already, with the job about half done, we notice the improvement. Many men have been recalled to work. Some are long-time employees, some brand new. We extend to one and all a hearty welcome. We also welcome back Dorio Boulanger, who has returned to us after a long illness. Donat Perron received his 30-year pin from Mr. J. Hugh Bolton, Mr. Erik O. Pierson and Mr. John H. Cunningham. . . . Henry Gervais received as a gift from his nephew in Japan, a knife which is 14 tools. Henry says it can be used for everything from soup to nuts. . . . Jim Daubney, Bob Cochrane and Lindsay Harding went to the Sportsmen's Show in Boston. Bob tried to talk Lindsay into buying an $18,000 boat, but Lindsay managed to say "No." Bob Cochrane is the man who bought two chickens to have at Thanksgiving and then didn't have the heart to kill them. Now the chickens occupy the garage while Bob's expensive car and boat remain outside! . . . George Sesona has ordered a new Plymouth Belvedere, which was delivered March 1. . . . Among those changing to newer model cars are Walter Turpak, Frank Machacz, Eugene Thomas and Manning Arnold.

The Bolster Job Baseball Club has sent in for their tickets and will have received them by the latter part of February. We are all anticipating as good a time as we had last year.

Rochel, age 5 years, and Russell, age 2½ years, ore the children of Edward Allard of the Production Department

A grondchild of group leader William Baines, Tool Job, little Mary Elizabeth Andersen of Narth Oxfard, Mass., takes her doll for a ride

Robert Folding, a boy scout of Fort Louderdale, Florida is one of the grondchildren of William Baines, Welding Section of Department 454

TOOL JOB

by George Jones

Jack Conlon, a jig maker on the Tool Job for the last twenty-two years, picked up his tools, shook hands with a few of his many friends, and quietly went into retirement on February 7. . . . The new jig maker is Robert Couture who was transferred from the Spinning Floor. Bob lives in Linwood with his wife and three children and likes to hunt and fish. . . . Fred Tredeau is the new die maker. He came here from the Progressive Tool and Die Co. in Worcester. Fred lives in Hopedale with his wife and their 12-year old son. He enjoys all sports. . . . Dominic Bombredi, the new lathe operator, was transferred from Department 423. Don was married on February 12. As the SPINDLE went to press he was on his honeymoon so we haven't got the details of the wedding. . . . It's nice to have Francis Cody back at the grinder after being on Department 423 so long. . . . The Tool Job Sick Benefit Club held its annual meeting in the fire station and all present officers were elected for another year. Plans for another banquet and entertainment were discussed and the meeting was concluded with a lunch. . . . Sidney "Sip" Lafleur went ice fishing after work one afternoon in February. As he got on the ice he dunked one foot. He doesn't dance very often, but he sure shook a leg that day. . . . Jim O'Rourke is at home recovering from an operation as we go to press. We hope he is back to work when the SPINDLE comes out. . . . Charlotte Duvernay and Alice Emory, of the Tool Job office, went shopping one noon hour and sat in David Poole's car to get a ride back to work. Instead of taking them to the shop, Dave drove to his home at the far end of Fletcher Street where he parked the car for the afternoon.

GEAR JOB

by Roland Dion

Our personality this month is Raymond Wood, who was born in the Rockdale section of Northbridge. When Ray was two years old, his folks moved to Sutton where Ray later attended the public schools. From 1941 to 1945 he was with the 6th Army, seeing service both in the United States and overseas. On February 10, 1945, Ray and Miss Dorcas Clark of Whitinsville were married. They now make their home in South Sutton with their three children: 8-year old Sandra, 7-year old Raymond, Jr., and 5-year old Rebecca. Ray, who is handy with power tools and enjoys woodworking, built his own house. He is a baseball fan.

Joe Limoli, Maintenance, prays for a bite while fishing at Arcade Pond

Herb Henderson, Tool Job, lands one of his "mammoth" perch at New Pond. The fighting monster can be seen in the block circle.

We welcome the return of Walter Prince and the arrival of Leonard E. Plasse, Frank J. Dawicki, and Serge E. Tomba. . . . We are pleased that Jim Rogers, Bernard Skillens, and Alfred Matte are back at work after recovering from their illnesses. . . . We regret that Leo Maguire and Emile Roy are out because of sickness. We hope that they will be back with us soon. . . . To all bowling fans in Department 420—we are informed that Louise O'Connell has had some excellent strings lately. We understand she plans to give bowling lessons in the near future.

SHEET METAL, PAINT AND CREEL JOBS

by Dorsey Devlin

We welcome back to the Sheet Metal Job after long lay-offs Al Besaw, Allan McCrea, and Thomas Mateer. We also hope for the speedy return of Edmund Brouillette, who has been home since early December recovering from illness. . . . Eddie Horan, Jim Fisher, Paul Madigar and Dorsey Devlin were part of the capacity crowd which witnessed the Celtics-Syracuse basketball game in the Boston Garden on February 4. . . . Valmore Yargeau has been recalled to work on the Paint Job. . . . Cora Barsamian, the only lady painter in Department 452, has been elected vice-president of the Trinity Guild of the Episcopal Church. . . . George Dykstra, group leader on the Paint Job, has two sons in the Service. Edward, in the Coast Guard, is stationed at New London, Connecticut and Allen is with the Army in Pusan, Korea. . . . Joe Brooks has recently taken up residence on Cooper Road, Northbridge. . . . A speedy recovery to Harry Jardine, who was recently injured, is wished by all the members of the Paint Job. . . . The Creel Job welcomes back Albert Grillo, who has returned after a year's lay-off. . . . Someone should ask Bobby Campo, who spends every Saturday in fishing, about the big ones that got away. . . . The Creel Job wishes a speedy recovery to Abraham Twight who is out sick at present.

DEPARTMENT 411

by Chester McQuilkin

Frank Blakely, we hear, is better and we are all wishing him well and a speedy return to the department. . . . Peter Belanger is out ill at this writing. We hope he gets well soon. . . . Charles Randall has returned to work after a few weeks of being sick. It is nice to see him back. . . . Eino Johnson is back to work after an operation and a slight rest and is gaining fast. . . . Harry McQuade sure looks sporty these days. The bow ties go well with his new shirts. . . . Jacob Jongsma is very busy building his new house in Sutton. The cold weather has held him up some, but he is making good headway . . . Welcome back to the several men recalled to work on the day and night shifts

Harold Flinton holds two of the five pickerel caught by him, by his brother-in-law Roland Dumas of Production, and Harold's son Robert. The weight of fish totaled 19½ pounds

im Woodburn, personality of the month, was a echanic while serving with the Army in Europe

ENERAL MACHINING

y Ken Harrington

The boys of 423 gave another one of heir famous stag parties. This time for om Bombredi who plans to get married. t didn't take long for Stan, Pat, Marcel nd Butch to get a crib game started after ating. Did you ever see a couple of llows get along any better than Bill mith and Henry Nelson? Everyone knew ist where to find Oliver Baker if they anted him. It might have been a bigger nd better party if we had known that Iatt Krujewski was having a birthday at bout the same time. Matt kept it to imself. I guess he didn't want us to now how old he is.

We wish to inform the men of Department 423 that there will be no more Osear wards for the rest of the year. The winner his month was Oliver Baker, who will eep possession until further notice. He ally went all out for it and we are happy report that it is now his.

PINNING, CARD ERECTING ND POLISHING

y Francis Horan

A tip of the hat on the back of the hand eason is on again—Mareh 17. And peaking of St. Patrick's Day, someday, omewhere, I will find the guilty person esponsible for the unmentionable crime f painting my green cane orange. If by hance he should read this, I warn him hat his punishment will be to buy two, nstead of one, tickets to the Labor Day icnic. . . . The men of 433 amazed he shop by appearing recently in elean hirts, close shaves, and trim haircuts. Reason: the SPINDLE photographers and heir leaders were around getting pictures nd data for an article on the Job. . . . n February 12, on Uncle Abe's birthday, saw on Central Street, Milford a genuine revolving barber shop pole. On investigation, I found that the proprietor was Mario Collabello, formerly of Department 444. Stopped in, found a nice plaee, and got clipped. Did I say clipped? In ease Mario should see this, it is said in fun! . . . Mario asked to be remembered to all his friends in the Shop, and wondered if Dick Williams still wore his vest. I replied that, in view of the number of sweaters worn by Diek, I really couldn't say. . . . It is good to hear that Ed Baker is home. Ed is feeling better after an operation at a Boston Hospital. . . . Francis Coffey, Jr., Robert Roy, John Wilson, Joseph Hesketh, Bob Brown, Herman Haringa, John Cunningham, John Dziob, Rodolphe Coutu, Robert Brown, George Nichols, and Diek Mombourquette have returned to these departments. Hi, fellows! . . . Jim Woodburn received his 15-year pin from Bob Wilson. Jim began work on the Spinning Floor fifteen years ago, then put on uniform during World War II. He served in this country, England, France, Luxemburg, Belgium, Holland, Germany and topped it off by serving in the Army of Occupation. Jim lives with Mrs. Woodburn and their 7-year old daughter Anne in Fisherville, Mass. A lover of sports, especially baseball, Jim coached his Little League district in 1953 to win the local title with sixteen games out of eighteen won. He is a sincere and likeable person. . . . Foreman Mike Feen, Polishing Job, is relieved that his little girl is home from the hospital. . . . Some time ago I reported that Joe Lortie had gone to Florida. Joe has returned, is at St. Vincent's Hospital, Worcester and would like to hear from his friends. . . . If you hear a knocking at your job, it's probably that man Redhead DeJong ehecking to see if you paid your dues for the after Lent festival. . . . February wedding anniversaries were observed by Bill Hall, Denis Cournoyer, Armand St. Andre, Bill Leclaire, and Robert Gellately. . . . Birthdays arrived for Henry Barnett, Tony Iannitelli, Wade Mills, James Seott, and Carmen DeFillipo.

Hawie Hawkins, Supply Clerk and praud father, with Mrs. Hawkins and nine-week old Debra Lynn

John J. Robbins, son of George Robbins of Department 433, is doing his basic training at Fort Dix

TIN CYLINDERS

by Wilbur Baird

The Demagues, Gordon and Reggie, must enjoy their work very much. On the eoldest morning of the year they were waiting in front of the A & P at 5:30 a.m. for a ride to Linwood Mills. Their usual time is 6:35. Frank DeJong also joined the early risers that morning; he was out picking up his passengers at 5:30 a.m. . . . We are happy to report that business is on the upgrade. We have called baek Reggie Demague, who has been working at the main plant. . . . We also welcome back Larry Volpe who has been on the Bolt Job for the past 18 months. . . . At this writing Mrs. Carl Bosma is a patient in the Memorial Hospital, Worcester.

COMBER JOB

by Terry Merolli

"Pete" Baillargeon retired during the month after 50 years with the Whitin Machine Works. The Comber Job Benefit Club presented him with a check. We will miss Pete but we hope he enjoys himself during his retirement. . . . Hector Chase has joined the group of new car owners. It's a '50 Ford and, as far as Hector is eoncerned, it's just as "sharp" as a new Lincoln! . . . Welcome to Leo Hudon and R. Beaupre, new members of Department 424, and to A. McFarlane, W. Wilson and J. Baldyga, members of Department 445. . . . Leo Roberts, Babe Poudrier and Bernie Lefebvre have returned to Department 422 and R. Strom, A. Ballou and W. Petrin to Department 439. . . . Birthday greetings for the month go to Lucien Blouin and Rene Provost. Happy anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. John Hoyle, and to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Valente. . . . Incidentally, "Scooter Ryan," our parts-in-proeess man, has discovered a new cold remedy—warm milk and garlie—guaranteed to cure every time. . . . Our wishes for a speedy recovery go to George Catterson, who has been out on siek leave for three months. We miss George.

In the period 1911–1916 Mr. ond Mrs. Rein L. Nyeholt pioneered in Conodo. Shown in front of their log cobin in Engen, British Columbia ore, from the left: Treose (Mrs. Peter Hoekstra), Dorothy (Mrs. Chorles VandenAkker), Sadie (Mrs. Hein VanderBaan), Nellie (Mrs. Stuort VandenAkker), Anno (Mrs. Adolphus Benoit), Cecil, ond Mr. ond Mrs. Nyeholt

CORE ROOM

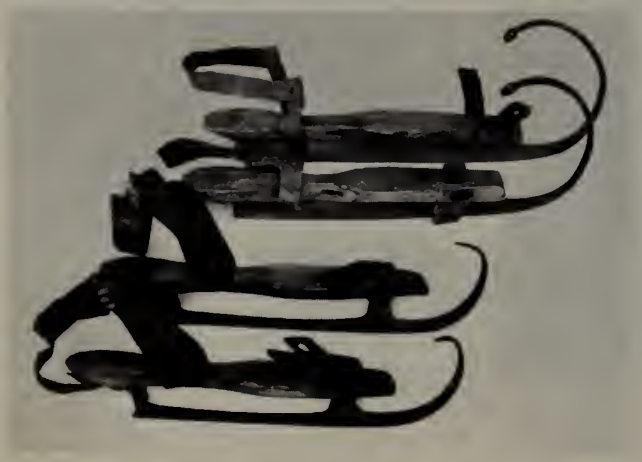
by John Kurowski

We welcome back to work Shorty Auclair, Florent Verrier, and George Steiner who are back after a short lay off. It's nice to see things picking up again. . . . Eddie Nejadlik and Varky Asadoorian claim to be the noon hour pitch champions after soundly trouncing Zig Buczynski and Ed Parent. Zig was seen buying a book "How to Play Pitch" last week. I suggest he give it to Larry Maloney because I hear his team is 11th in a 12-team league in Blackstone. . . . Henry "Without the Mustache" Laplante has a sideline of his own. He sells song sheets on Friday nights on Social Street. . . . Jeff Oliver is taking dancing lessons from the old master Larry Maloney. . . . Pete Malo is now a full-fledged babysitter for his granddaughter.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

by Bill Scanlon

The boys of the Garage received a nice letter from Pat Konvent who is now at the Veterans' Hospital in Brockton. They put on shows during the week for the patients, and we understand Pat is enjoying himself. . . . Those three big game hunters, Mel Young, Pete Prymak, and Ken Stanley each donated a portion of his deer for a supper at the Klondike in Farnumsville. Various members of the shop attended. . . . Johnny Grocki has bought himself a new DeSoto. It is a two-tone hard-top convertible. There is a lot of cabbage tied up in this car, but Johnny should worry. He has a big garden in Douglas. . . . Rene Remillard is at present in St. Vincent's Hospital, Worcester, with a virus. The boys await anxiously his return. . . . Milton Crossland has been transferred to the outside Paint Shop. He is pinch-hitting for Ernie Leonard who is convalescing. Jaque Oppewall is filling in for Milton in the Yard Office. . . . Roland Guertin has been transferred from the Garage to Charlie Commons' department. . . . Clarence Roy has had a big season this year. He managed to get his quota of birds in addition to a couple of foxes. Clarence has plenty of hunting territory in his back yard.



These ontique skates ore the property of Foremon Hank Hewett of Deportment 425. The pair ot the bottom was monufactured by a Webster blocksmith over a hundred years ago. The bross-tipped poir at the top was purchased seventy-five yeors ogo by one of Hank's relotives. With either pair, Honk reports, the skater must keep his weight forward or toke o spill

SPINDLE JOB

by Albert J. Cencak

The welcome mat is spread this month for Henry Coutu, Jim Sharkey, Everett Bishop, Ernest Dumas, William Petrin, Ragnar Strom, Adrian Ballou, E. Littizzio, J. St. Laurent, L. Dussault and R. Philbrook. . . . The polishing corner seems kind of empty these days. Spofford Boone is out sick. Everyone on the job is anxiously awaiting his return. . . . The nose of Willy Hippert, which rivaled that of Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer, was red because Willy hit a clothesline while in pursuit of one of his beagle hounds.

MAIN OFFICE

by Gloria Frabotta and Marlene Willard

Our week-end travelers for this month included George Kellstrand who attended the Saturday events portion of the Dartmouth College Winter Carnival, and Eleanor Baker who spent an enjoyable day of skiing at Hogback Mountain, Brattleboro, Vermont. Our long-distance travelers were Mr. Foley and his wife who stayed a couple of weeks at Daytona Beach, Florida. . . . The Reverend John T. DeForest of St. Mark's Church, San Antonio, Texas spent a week visiting with his sister, Florence Tupper, and other relatives. . . . Fifteen people were in attendance at a thirty-five year celebration party for Gweny Searles held at the Franklin Motel. An enjoyable evening was had by all. . . . We are sorry to see Wayne Stinson leave the Treasury Department of the Main Office, but wish him all the best in his new position as Staff Assistant to the Works Accountant. . . . On our sick list for last month were Eva O'Keefe, public address system operator, Agnes Kalousdian of Payroll, and Mary Galleshaw of Billing. We are glad to report that they are well again, and back at their jobs. . . . We have all heard that most of our accidents occur at home, and Mr. MacIntyre is living proof of this statement. It seems that he was shaking up the furnace when the shaker let go and down he went. It was laughable at the time, but the aches and pains he felt the next few days certainly weren't humorous.

If you appreciated our helpful hint last month, I'm sure you will enjoy our "gem" for this month. For those who dislike long-drawn-out basketball games, why not try Gloria Frabotta and Sally Mantashigian's method of shortening them. It

John Hapworth is the Research Division personality of the month

seems these girls and their dates started out to attend a basketball game in Kingston, Rhode Island, but their car had motor trouble, and they didn't arrive at the game until 9:30. The game ended at 10:00. I doubt if you sports enthusiasts will appreciate this helpful hint. . . . We'll cut the birthday cake eight ways this month for Sally Mantashigian, Edna Bergquist, George Kellstrand, Gene Kennedy, Lenny Baldwin, Jim Robertson, Jim Colthart, and Dick Conlee. Anniversary wishes go out to Florence Tupper and Gene Kennedy.

RESEARCH DIVISION

by Bernice Taylor and John Baker

March—the month of the famed lion and lamb, the income tax, St. Patrick's Day, and the aftermath of the local elections. . . . In the Machine Shop, the interest in politics has been at an all time high. Jerry Lloyd, Ernie Goyette and Chick Blakely worked at the polls during the recent town election. Dick Benoit is running for town selectman in Upton. Their election was March 7, so at this writing, we do not know the outcome. This is Dick's first bow to politics, and win or lose, he has our wholehearted support. . . . Happy anniversary this month to Mr. and Mrs. George Gigarjian, and belated congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Goyette who were married 39 years on February 21. . . . Many happy returns of the day to our birthday people: Virginia Burke, Chris Walsh, and Jack Hapworth. . . . Spring really must be around that corner, for everyone seems to be thinking of traveling in that new car. We have noticed that Peter Strang, Ken Stanley, Pat Kelly, and Charlie May are among the new car owners. Happy motoring to all of them.

Personality of the Month: John Hapworth was born in Bangor and educated in Rockland, Maine. He came to Whitin Machine Works in 1940, and worked in the Woodworking Department. Other departments he has worked in are the Press Job, Shell Job, and the Picker Job. He also went to Dexter, Maine to learn the principles of carding. Then John spent three years on the road as a picker erector. When the Research Division was organized, John was hired as a tester and operator on opening, blending and picking equipment. During World War II Jack served for three years as an aircraft mechanic. His outfit served in every theater of the war, thus giving John the opportunity of traveling around the world. Upon returning to the States, he married the former Barbara Taylor of Wellesley. Mr. and Mrs. Hapworth have a 6-year old son, Marshall. John enjoys fishing and golfing, but his chief interest is working around his new home on Gary Avenue. John, or "Hap" as he is known to us all, is an easygoing, pleasant fellow, well-liked and popular with his co-workers.

Pat Kelly has resigned from his position here at Research. Our best wishes go with him, and we know he will be a success in his new work. . . . Birth Announcement: Born on January 22, a son, David Lincoln, to Reverend and Mrs. Robert Perry of Orange, Mass. David has a brother Stephen Edward, and a sister Laurel Elaine. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Perry.

PAYROLL COMPUTATION, TABULATING, BUDGETS, STATEMENTS AND TIMEKEEPING

by Bob English

After eight years in Tabulating, Joanie McFarlane left WMW on March 4—reason, her marriage to Carl Jones of Royal Typewriter on March 5. The ceremony was held at the home of the bride, 38 Spring Street, Whitinsville. The newlyweds plan to live in Worcester (Greendale). We'll certainly miss you, Joanie. . . . The Tabulating Department enjoyed the Ice Capades at Providence on January 21. The show was preceded by a dinner at Howard Johnson's. . . . We welcome back Nancy Todd after six weeks, sans appendix. . . . Howard Cook has recently been elected temporary president of the newly organized Worcester Chapter of National Machine Accountants Association. Howard, an ardent golfer, is a new member of the Whitinsville Golf Club. Congratulations Howard. . . . We welcome Janet Ingham who is working on the office staff of the Whitin Business Equipment Division (Offset Duplicator). Nice to have you with us, Janet. . . . The Budgets Department is kept informed by Harold Tallman of current events based on panel discussions held at the Cafeteria each noon.

Ten-year old Brian and three-year old Christine are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Darsey Devlin

Mrs. Cleveland Reynolds, Payroll Computation personality, lists sewing and knitting as her hobbies

Herb Barnes, Foundry-Budgets man and Dartmouth Alumnus, is enthused over the appointment of a new football coach at Hanover. . . . February birthday greetings to: Merwin Brown, Bertha Bernier, George Woodward, Cathy Reeves, Trudy Beaulac and Nancy Todd. . . . Guess who played golf five different times during January? . . . The Glee Club will soon be busy with concerts—they will sing in Providence, March 13; in Southbridge, March 23; and in Uxbridge, May 5.

Personality of the Month: Mrs. Cleveland Reynolds—nee Pauline G. Clarke in Boston. Two weeks after graduating from Northbridge High School in 1944, she married Cleveland who works in the Cost Department. They live on East Street, Whitinsville. Pauline has worked as a waitress at the Blue Eagle, as a clerk in Buffum's and Baker's, and for the last two years has been employed in the Payroll Computation Department. She enjoys singing in the United Presbyterian Church Choir and her hobbies include sewing and knitting. She is an asset to the department.

I like the following—Whistler said to his mother as she fell out of the chair, "Mother, you are off your rocker."

METHODS DEPARTMENT

by Jean Cunningham

Paul Wheeler, while walking home in the rain the other night, had his umbrella turned inside-out by the wind. Paul, a Methods man, just turned the umbrella in the opposite direction and it blew back to its original shape. . . . Herbert Andrews has decided to build extra space onto his home. He has a hired contractor, but Herbie, being the busy bee that he is, just can't get it completed quickly enough. He works on it himself in the evenings and in his spare time just to hurry the process along. Let's hope everything works out just fine and that his little project will be completed in no time at all. . . . Al Capone was out sick for nearly two weeks with a bad cold. As Punjab (Archie) Misakian says, "No News Is Good News," and that's the way it looks to me right now. People are just not doing a thing—weather is too cold or they aren't feeling well because of colds. I hope next month brings better weather and more activity in the office. . . . I'll end with the birthdays this month. Congratulations go to Al Coburn, Walter Frieswick, Abram Leiber, Archie Misakian, Rene Morel, Everett Swenson and Larry Haymen. Hope you fellows enjoy your particular day.

WAGE STANDARDS

by Donald H. Amiro

Wage Standards welcomes Ruth Magill and George Pearce. Ruth comes from Fisherville, and George comes to us from Pascoag, R. I. . . . Francis Fleener recently purchased an auto. From now on, all points north lead to Madison, Maine. Francis and Mrs. Fleener also had the pleasure of celebrating their 9th wedding anniversary on February 23, 1955. . . . Wage Standards has, in the past, always supported the Red Cross drives and this year will show special interest, for Gordon L. Spence has been chosen assistant chairman of the Red Cross Drive in Whitinsville. . . . Russell Lupien has purchased a new home in the West Tatnuck section of Worcester. For those who are not familiar with Worcester, that is out near the airport. . . . A dinner and social evening was held on February 15 at Aunt Mary's for Ralph W. Stinson who left Wage Standards to take up the position of chief process engineer at Bryant Chucking Grinder Company in Springfield, Vermont. Ralph came to Wage Standards in 1947, and in a short time advanced to group leader in charge of standard data. He is a native of Uxbridge and a graduate of Uxbridge High. He was a naval aviator in World War II and is a graduate of Worcester Tech; he was Vice President of the Worcester Society of Industrial Engineers and is a member of the Worcester Chapter of the Society for Advancement of Management. . . . The good wishes and hope of a successful career are extended to Ralph from all of us in Wage Standards. . . . Birthdays for this month are: Donald Amiro, Victoria Gigarjian, John Romasco, J. Alden Rosa, Howard Sears, and Ralph Stinson.

Some fellows have all the luck! John Gilchrist, center, won first prize for his impersonation of King Farouk at a Mardi Gras costume party held at the P.A.C. Club, Linwood, on February 12. The harem beauties are, from the left: Florence Stadnitski, Josephine Rice, Theresa Morin, Simone Gilchrist, Pauline Baldwin, and Margie Newton. The bodyguards, rear row, from the left: Leonard Baldwin, Adrien Marin, Harry Newton, and James Rice

PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

by Tad Wallace and Margaret Newton

The following were presented service pins recently: Paul Devlin and Brenda Cook, 15 years; Henry Ebbeling, 10 years; and Frank Mancini, 5 years. Congratulations to each of them. . . . On Thursday evening, February 17, John Hay, one of our veteran employees, was tendered a farewell dinner at the Klondike Inn. After an excellent dinner, a varied program of speaking and entertainment was offered during which time John was presented a purse, a token from his many friends who were in attendance and also from many who could not attend. The affair was planned by a committee headed by Harvey Deslauriers and assisted by Weyman Plante, George Turner, Hugh Currie, James Bernard, Victor Romasco, William Kearnan, Henry Cant, William Walsh, John Moschilli, and F. O. Rizer. John retired on February 18 and has taken up residence in St. Petersburg, Florida. That good health and good fortune attend John is the wish of his many, many friends here at Whitin. I am certain that John will welcome any of his friends in the event they should journey to Florida. . . . During the month of February, especially on the few exceptionally warm days, you could see that "longing" expression on the golfers—in fact when you casually met one of these people, they rarely referred to the weather as being nice, they usually said "It's good enough to play a few holes." Speaking of golf, I am told that the league is being organized again this year with an attempt to make it bigger and better than last year. Team captains have been chosen, but the teams have not been selected at this moment. More about golf in the next issue of the SPINDLE. . . . It is nice to be able to welcome back to Production, Gloria Carter, Tom Taylor, Roland Dumas, Nellie Parker and Blanche Cassista, all former employees, and to welcome newcomers, Sara Hairyes and Margaret Naroian. I hope we have not omitted anyone—please let us know if we have. . . . Congratulations to Blanche and John Fullerton on their 17th wedding anniversary, January 28.

The Production Department was very well represented at a Mardi Gras party held at the P.A.C. in Linwood on February 12. Lorraine Levasseur of No. 11 Storesroom won first prize for her portrayal of "Cinderella" while Jackie (I've Got the Shape for It) Gilchrist made off with another first prize as he very ably represented King Farouk. Jack was not only content to look like the Egyptian monarch, he surrounded himself with a "harem"—Simone Gilchrist, Pauline Baldwin, Theresa Morin, Josie Rice and Marge Newton. It's quite easy to see why the judges had no difficulty in awarding that prize. Jackie has promised pictures of the group; they should be interesting.

S/Sgt. Jacques A. Beaumier, son of Anita Beaumier, inspector on the Ring Job, receives a certificate for exceptional service from Lt. Col. Samuel Hurewitz in Tokyo

"Stick 'em up, I've got you covered," says little Jimmie, son of Jimmie Graham, Main Office Treasury Department

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond T. Duggan were married January 22 at St. Patrick's Church, Whitinsville

COST DEPARTMENT

by Dick Hanny and Pauline Hagan

The March winds blew in a few news items for our column this month. First of all we would like to extend a sincere welcome to Carl Dupree and Wayne Stinson as Staff Assistants to Henry Bailey, the Works Accountant. . . . The welcome mat is also out to Tom Altoonian of North Uxbridge who has joined the Product Estimating Group. Tom was formerly with R. H. White Construction Company. . . . Joe Krol is filling in temporarily for Armand Plouffe who has taken a leave of absence for his health. Hurry back, Armand. We all miss you.

This seems to be open season on new cars: Henry Bailey has a new Lincoln; Ray Colby has a new Pontiac and Cleve Reynolds has forsaken his old faithful Chevy for a new model. . . . Congratulations to Telix Richard who recently received an award for a suggestion submitted to the Company. . . . Unless we had seen this with our own eyes we never would have believed it, but an angel walked into our department one morning with a "halo" on his head. Of course, the "halo" was made of paper and was rather tarnished, but our angel's smile was bright. We wonder if Telix Richard's crib scores are heavenly too. . . . Congratulations to Ray Tebeau who has been elected Vice President of the Blackstone Valley Club, affiliated with Holy Cross College. . . . Those who celebrated birthdays this month are: Oscar Erickson, Philip Johnson, and Roland Farrar.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

by Connie Duggan

We bid a sad farewell to Peggy Beaudreau this month. Peggy is moving to Foxboro, Mass., where her husband has accepted the position of manager at Aubuchon's. We will all miss Peggy for she is a real pleasant gal to have around. If anyone is down Foxboro way, Peggy says to be sure to drop in and see her as she claims she'll be pretty lonesome. . . . We welcome Ruth Duffy who will replace Peggy Beaudreau. Ruth comes from Hopedale, is married, and her husband, Sterling Duffy, works at Department 421. We hope she will like it here. . . . We also welcome George Burgess to our big happy family. George has just been discharged from the Air Force. He comes from Whitinsville and has worked here before. We hope he can stay longer this time. . . . Come on, everyone, I need some assistance if we are to have a column in the SPINDLE. Any news items will be appreciated—how about a few for next month?

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rondeau, a son, Paul Robert, born February 7, 1955 at Woonsocket Hospital.

To Ernest Kroll, Department 401, and Mrs. Kroll, a daughter, Carolyn, weight 7 lbs. 7 oz., at Webster Hospital on February 8, 1955.

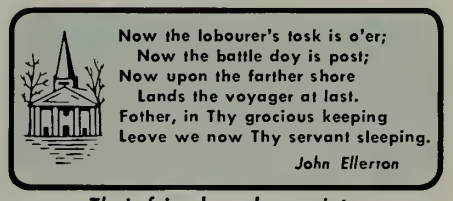
To Florence Bileau of Department 401, and Donat Bileau, formerly of Department 401, a daughter, Ann Marie, weight 8 lbs. 15 oz., on February 4, 1955, at Hahnemann Hospital, Worcester.

To Harold Thurber, Department 439, and Mrs. Thurber, a daughter, Gladys Inez, weight 5 lbs., on January 31.

To John Kortecamp, Inside Iron Worker Apprentice, and Mrs. Kortecamp, a daughter, Nancy Jane, weight 6 lbs. 1 oz., at the Memorial Hospital, Worcester on December 1, 1954.

To Robert Rondeau and Mrs. Rondeau, a son, on February 7.

To Clement LaFlash, Department 438, and Mrs. LaFlash, a son, Robert, at Whitinsville Hospital on January 20.



Their friends and associates extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved

Jesse Loredo on the death of his mother in Mexico City.

Harry Segal on the death of his father.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Perry on the death of Mrs. Perry's father, George McClellan.

Friends and relatives of Mrs. Martin Vierstra who died February 14.

Hollis Booth on the death of his father.

George Neely on the death of his mother.

Philip Heney on the death of his brother, Thomas.

Oscar Asadoorian on the death of his mother-in-law.

Survivors and friends of Frederick Robertson, 51, who died at his home at 416 Hill Street, Whitinsville, on January 24, 1955. A native of Aberdeen, Scotland, he had been employed by the Whitin Machine Works for thirty years.

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Familiar Faces

Around the Plant

Peter DeBoer, of the Porkerizing Room, has 33 years at Whitin. He lives in Whitinsville, has 3 sons and 2 daughters, and 13 grandchildren. His hobby is fishing

Leon Garabedian, a Drill Operator in 429, came here in 1916. He has 3 sons, 4 daughters, and 7 grandchildren. He lives in Whitinsville and his pastime is baseball

Susanna Gusney, who owns her house in North Uxbridge, loves to travel and plans to visit Newfoundland this year. She came here in 1919 and works on the Needle Job

Mrs. Edyth Casey, a Stockroom Clerk, has 21 years at Whitin. She has a daughter, 3 grandchildren and a great-grandson. Edyth enjoys singing in her church choir

Sarkis Ovian, of East Street, Whitinsville, works on the charging floor of the Foundry. He has been with Whitin 33 years. He has a son, a daughter and 4 grandchildren

Louis Laferniere, a 28-year employee, operates an automatic in 411. He lives in Linwood and has 7 children and 9 grandchildren. He likes to fish and hunt

Ambrose Guertin, a Whitin employee for 26 years, is the catcher for the Progressive Club softball team. He, Mrs. Guertin and their 2 daughters live in North Uxbridge

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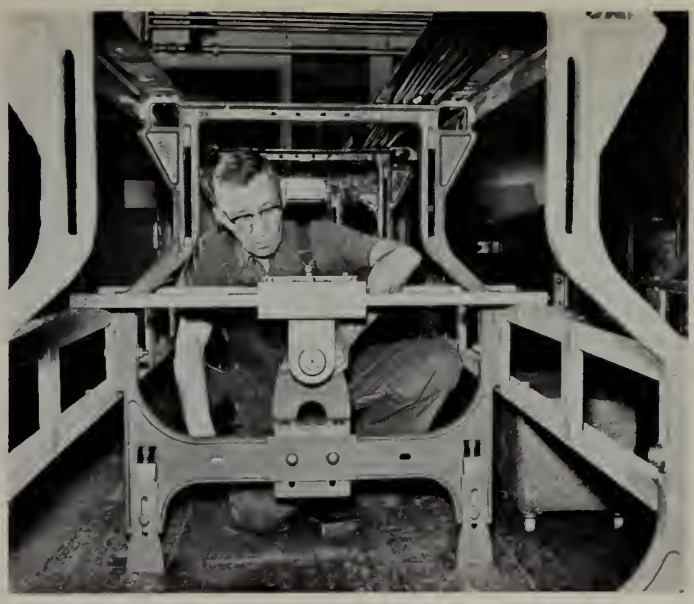


The men of the Spinning Floor work with gauges to close toleronces. Howord Heald, inside a frame, sets a cylinder box to gouge on on F5, our lotest model cotton spinning frome

A DAY with the ERECTORS

LIKE three peas in a pod, Departments 448 A, B and C have much in common, for each of the three fits together parts from all over the Shop in order to prepare Whitin machines for mill use. Castings from the Foundry are mated to steel parts from the Shop. Each of the three departments cooperates with the other two: the floor space used this week by 448A may be used next week by either 448B or 448C, depending on the demands of the trade. If one of the three sister departments is rushed, the other two loan workmen.

The three, which under normal conditions employ from 75 to 90 men, share 50,000 square feet of floor space on what is known as the Spinning Floor. Here might be said to be the true heart of the Plant, for on this floor spinning frames and twisters—the bread-and-butter machines of Whitin—take form under the skilled hands of craftsmen. So important are these machines that the number of frames manufactured during the year is generally accepted as an index of business conditions. Many thousands of machines erected on this floor are in use throughout the world.

This fact in no way lessens the importance of other superior Whitin products erected on other floors. Whitin cards, pickers, combers, and other machines play a major role in preparing fibers for the spinning frames and twisters.

The products of 448 are the machines that transform the fiber stock into yarn and the machines that ply several yarns into a stronger yarn or thread. Concentrated on this one floor are the machines that will handle cotton, wool, worsted, and synthetic yarns.

Yet while they have much in common, each of the three, under its own foreman, retains its distinct personality and produces a distinct product. The problems of erecting are such that there must be three groups of men and that each group must know every characteristic of the machines it erects.

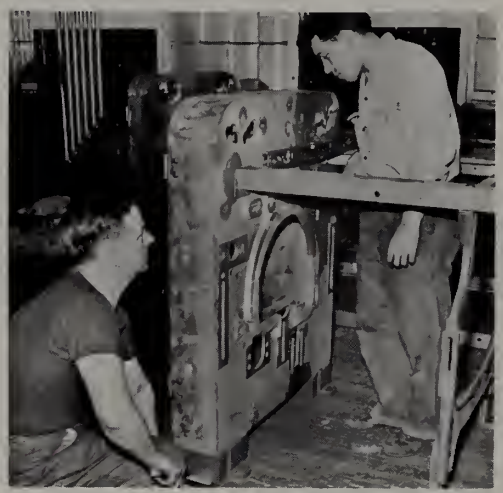
Department 448A—Frames for Cotton

Cotton, still the king of the textile world, is used in every household in the United States and in many households in other lands. The work done in 448A by the twelve men of this department assumes almost international importance, for many thousands of Whitin frames at work here and abroad make true the statement that the "sun never sets on Whitin machines."

Foreman Ben Scott is the guiding hand of 448A. His duties, like those of the other two foremen on the floor, start when the specifications of an order are received. On cotton frames these orders are largely for our three latest models. Ben orders his materials from several departments—lengthways steel stock from 410, skeleton

James Woodburn, left, and Arthur Toylor work with care as they fit and level ring rails, for they know that the quality of their work will affect the performance of the machine in the mill

On the left, Chester Greenwood, inspector, checks the threadboards for a cotton spinning frame while Foreman Benjamin Scott looks on. This frame is ready for packing and shipping to the customer



Twisters likewise require the same careful lining and leveling. Kenneth Proctor, left, adjusts the height of a head end for a Model BB twister while Arthur Alix reads the level

Twisters are often modified to meet the particular demonds of a customer. On the left William Wilson fits a fancy yarn motion as Robert Williams, center, sets covers. On the right, Foreman Edward L. Marshall checks the blueprint

parts from 433, and small parts and sub-assemblies from 429. These parts are delivered by truck to the department where they are stored until needed.

It is beyond the scope of this article to give directions for the detailed assembly of the many machines erected on the Spinning Floor. In general, the task of the erectors is to fit parts, to line and level frames, to reline frames as additional parts are added, and to dowel (set with pins) certain parts. As a result of these operations, the final erection in a mill is greatly simplified.

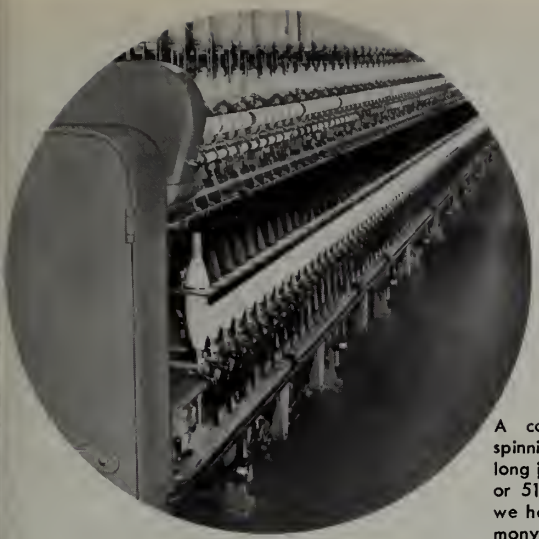
It takes about two years for a new man to learn to erect the machines of one of the three departments. Whitin quality requires the skill which comes only with experience, for tolerances are such that the variation in overall length of fifty-foot frames is about a sixty-fourth of an inch.

Ben Scott, whose accent proclaims Scotland as his birthplace, was born in Marykirk, Kincardinshire, Scotland, in 1891; began work in a linen mill when he was twelve; and came to the United States to begin work at Whitin in August, 1913. Ben was transferred to the Spinning Floor in March, 1914, and was promoted to foreman in 1946. He and Mrs. Scott, the parents of four children, live at 14 Forest Street, Whitinsville.

Department 448B—Twisters

With some fifty models of machines to erect, it is not surprising that each of the six men led by Foreman Edward L. Marshall is a first class fitter.

A twister is a machine which takes several yarns as they come from the spinning frames and "plys" or twists the yarns together to form a stronger yarn designed for a particular use. Whitin builds twisters for many kinds of yarns—for natural fibers such as cotton and worsted, and for synthetic fibers such as

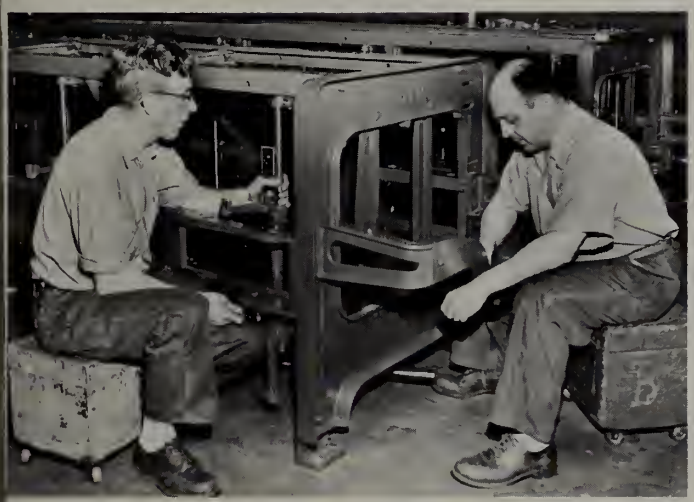


A completed cotton spinning frome is a long job—perhaps 45 or 51 feet long—ond we have no ideo how mony miles of yorn are spun eoch day on Whitin fromes

nuts, bolts, and washers are parkerized and the frame is painted with Kromite to prevent corrosion. We also note that, on synthetic twisters, the head ends are built first as a complete unit before work is started on the chassis.

In addition to ordering parts from 410, 429, and 433, Ed orders some of the parts used on synthetic twisters from 446. As in 448A and 448C, these parts must be delivered, laid out, lined, leveled, fitted, and doweled.

"I am fortunate among foremen," says Foreman Edward L. Marshall, "for each of my men is a capable workman, and none of them ever grumble when the going is tough." Ed is a 32-year Whitin employee who was born in Whitinsville on May 7, 1895, and who became foreman in 1944. He and Mrs. Marshall live at 25 Leland Road, Whitinsville.



dward Boker, left, ond Armand St. Andre assemble a Model BB Twister that will ply cotton yarns. Edward sets the steady rods for the ring roils while Armond fits on outboord cylinder bearing

As soon os a frame is on its feet, painters opply the first coot of point. Peter Michalik points the skeleton of a Model D Twister. Other workmen ore assigned to paint cotton or wool spinning frames

ayon, orlon, nylon, and dacron. Whitin twisters process yarns as soft as those used in sweaters and yarns s strong as those used in tire cord. Some Whitin wisters make binding cord or string out of paper, while ther Whitin twisters make fancy yarns for the textile rade.

You might almost say that each of our customers as his own idea as to how a Whitin twister should be odified to produce best his particular product—as a esult there are few absolutely identical Whitin twisters existence. Whitin cooperates by building exactly he twister the customer wants. In short, whatever he fiber and whatever the purpose of the yarn, Whitin akes a highly desirable twister.

There are minor differences between the work of 48A and 448B. There is the same meticulous care fitting, but on twisters designed for synthetics, all

448C—Wool and Worsted Spinning

Wool and worsted spinning frames are among the tallest and heaviest frames made by Whitin—a single head end, the part which contains the gearing, weighs 3745 pounds. As a result, the leveling up of a wool frame is often a gradual process, for the floor tends to shift slightly under the weight of the machine. The frames stand taller than their sister machines in 448A, but are erected with equally painstaking care.

An interesting aspect of the three departments is that on each the foreman and the men under him are proud of their work and the machines they erect. For example, Foreman Michael W. "Bill" Rutana and his thirteen men are convinced that no one does finer fitting and erecting than they do. Nine of the men are first class fitters; five are second class fitters. The pride

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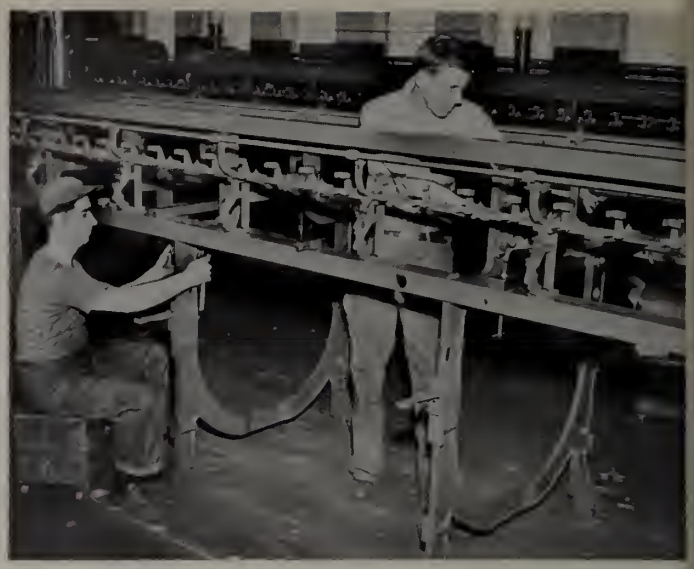
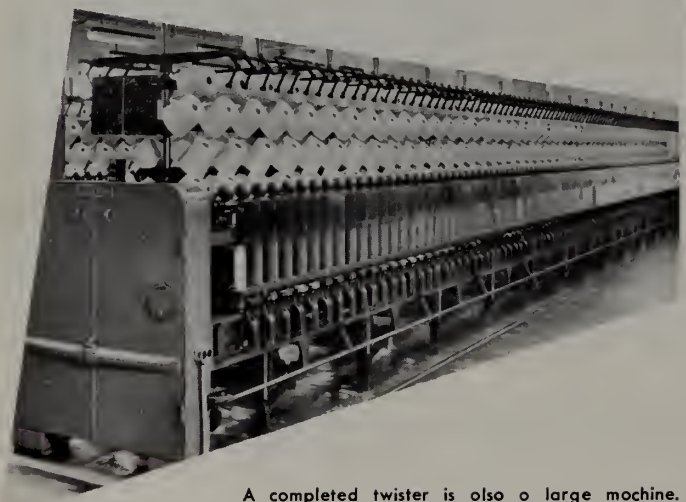
of these men has a basis in fact—their work and the machines they build are excellent.

There are similarities to the work of 448A and 448B, for many of the parts they use come from Departments 410, 429, and 433. There are also differences, for a wool or worsted frame is a different machine from a cotton spinning frame or a twister. There is perhaps more filing and fitting of certain parts, such as bearings, owing to differences in design between wool and worsted frames and frames designed for other fibers.

In addition to erecting wool and worsted spinning frames, 448C does worsted changeovers and wool piece-outs. Much of the work is teamwork—a team of two men builds the head ends complete and ready to run, while nearby a second pair of men install centralized oiling systems, which can even be used to lubricate rings. A quick inspection of nearby frames shows that again Whitin modifies machines to meet the requirements and wishes of the customer, for some frames have copper tubing oiling systems while others have nylon tube oiling systems.



Each machine erected on the Spinning Floor is carefully fitted. On the left, Robert Roy lines and fits lifter shaft bearings while Raymond Roche, right, lines and fits cylinder bearings. The machine is a Model E Wool Frame



A completed twister is also a large machine. Here, under mill conditions, a Model C Twister is being used on cotton

Foreman "Bill" Rutana, a 30-year employee, was born in Northbridge on August 31, 1906, and became foreman in 1944. He and Mrs. Rutana are the parents of two boys and live at 151 Pleasant Street, Saundersville, Mass.

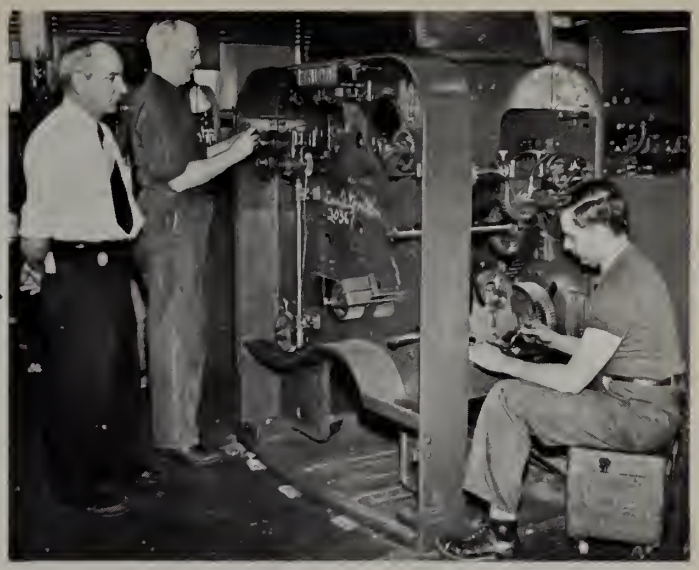
Precision Stands for Quality

Quality is not merely something to brag about in our advertising. It's a real, although often unseen, part of every Whitin machine. Here's why every man in the three-of-a-kind departments on the Spinning Floor works with care. Poor workmanship cannot be concealed; it will inevitably show up when the machine is at work in a mill.

For example, ring rails, like cylinder boxes, require painstaking fitting, for an improperly fitted ring rail results in out-of-shape bobbins. An out-of-shape bobbin weakens the yarn, causes breakages, and results in an inferior cloth being offered to the final consumer. The skill of our erectors helps to maintain Whitin's outstanding reputation in the textile world.

Among the senior employees in these departments are: Benjamin Scott, 42 years; James Scott, 35 years; Louis P. Demers, 32 years; Edward L. Marshall, 32 years; Alexander McFarlane, 32 years; Albert Bowyer, 30 years; Michael W. Rutana, 30 years; Howard Heald, 23 years; Leopaul Gamelin, 22 years; Alexander Wilson, 22 years; Robert Williams, 22 years; Raymond Roche, 22 years; and Arthur Taylor, 20 years.

It often pays a mill to extend the length of their textile machines. This group is preparing a wool pieceout—the material necessary to lengthen some wool frames. From the left: Philip Holmes inspects parts; John Wilson and Francis Macuga position a threadboard; Alfred O'Rourke counts out the proper quantity of bolts, nuts, and washers

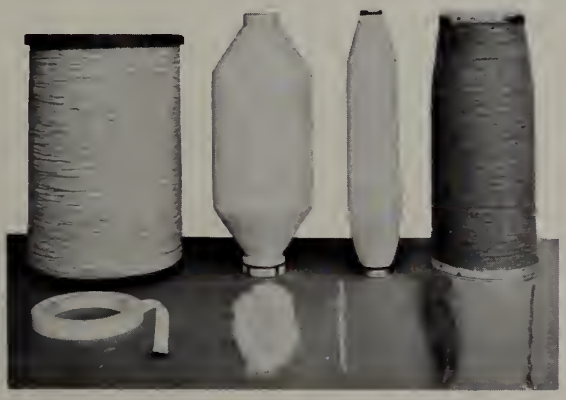


Above: While the erectors wark with care, they must alsa wark with speed to insure prompt delivery to aur custamers. A small shartage af parts cauld hold up an entire frame. Fram the left: Henry Barnett drills a head end girt; Bernard Kelliher squares up a main drive; Jahn Baldyga fits gears on a builder outrigger drive; and Alexander McFarlane fits and lines a main drive hausing an Madel E Wool Frames

Top right: The lubricatian af Whitin frames is simplified by the use af centralized "one shat" ailing systems. As Fareman Michael "Bill" Rutana watches, Harold Langway, center, and Francis Coffee install a Bijur ail system an a Madel E Waal Frame

Right: The task is almost done. Alfred DesRochers sets twister head brackets and cavers an a Madel E Wool Frame

Bottom right: The completed wool frame laaks like this. The machine shawn is a Model G



Above: Whitin machines are designed far many types of fibers. At the left a large package of paper binding twine and the paper tape fram which it is twisted. At the extreme right is a package af nylan acetate, in front of which is a sample af the stock from which it is spun and a sectian af the resulting yarn. In the center backgraund are two packages, one is cattan raving and the ather is spun yarn. In the center foreground are samples of saran stock and saran yarn

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WHAT IS IT?

It pays most of the rates and taxes.
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It has done most to raise wages.
It has given us factories and shops.
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It develops inventors and business builders.
It originated the principles of efficiency.
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It alone can raise our standard of living.
It is the hope of the human race.
Y-E-T
Karl Marx said it must be destroyed. . . .
It is Private Enterprise.

FRONT COVER: Sgt. Leslie Wood, of the Northbridge Police, is teaching young Wayne Harding how to aim his BB rifle with safety to himself and others. In the process Wayne will become a crack shot. In the background, from the left, Jeffrey Emmott, Robert Spence, Robert Houle, and Howard Sears wait their turn. See story page 10.

Whitin Personality

WHEN Edward Haggerty was born on November 26, 1896, in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, he was destined to become a draftsman, a soldier, a teacher, and a Whitin product engineer. Ed oversees the general engineering on opening, picking, as well as roving, and spinning machinery for cotton and spun synthetics, specializing in the last two. Among those who work with him, he is admired for his encyclopedic knowledge of the thousands of parts, mechanisms, and accessories in Whitin roving and spinning frames, from the current models to the machines built up to 50 years ago.

After attending the public schools, Ed studied mechanical drawing at the Pawtucket Industrial Drawing School. Upon completion of his training, he began his life career by detailing drawings on spinning frames and twisters (both plain and fancy yarn) for Fales & Jenks.

In 1918 he entered the Army at the age of 21 years. As a member of the 67th Infantry regiment, he spent seven months in Alabama. Upon receiving his discharge, he returned to Fales & Jenks. In order to supplement his income, for four years he taught mechanical drawing in the same school where he received his training. In 1923 he was promoted to designer.

Following the purchase of Fales & Jenks by Whitin, Ed joined the Whitin force in May of 1931. At first specializing in Fales & Jenks new machinery and repair orders, in 1937 he began supervising Whitin Long Draft, Interdraft, and Superdraft roving and spinning as a member of the Engineering Department. Later he was given charge of the complete frames. He received further promotions and today is a product engineer supervising twelve draftsmen.

Ed, Mrs. Haggerty, 13-year old Peter, and 12-year old Henry have lived in a company house on Hill Street since early 1942. Ed is proud that both of his sons were members of the Northbridge Little League All-Star team. Peter was a star pitcher. Their mother, the former Irene Parker, was the district nurse in Whitinsville. Ed and Irene recall that they first met at the Blue Eagle, making them a truly Whitin family.

Ed, whose hobby is gardening, enjoys his work. "A designer's job is more complicated today than it was when I began," he observed, "for the new synthetic fibers and the demands of the textile industry present an ever-increasing challenge."

HOBBY—

Genealogy

Chet Walker finds tracing his ancestors on interesting ond inexpensive hobby. Town histories, such as the Upton Town History, are a rich source of information. In front of Chet ore work sheets, a picture of the Cloflin homestead, and the Claflin coat of arms

"When you investigate your own ancestors," chuckled Chester Walker, Repair Sales, "you should be prepared to take the bitter with the sweet. I find genealogy—the science of discovering forebears—an exciting hobby because I never know what will turn up. For example, I find that I am a descendant of Captain William Walker, gentleman-adventurer who tried to set up a kingdom in Nicaragua and who was hanged from the yardarm of his brig as a pirate. You may find equally interesting characters in your own family tree."

Chet, who has been mildly interested in this hobby for twenty years and actively interested for ten, has a number of suggestions for those who would like to know more about their forebears. First, it is not practical to trace all of your ancestors and their descendants. He suggests that you select one line, or family, to investigate. Secondly, it is easier to trace those families which have lived in the area for some generations because it is easier to find records. Third, families may be traced either backwards or forwards; he suggests that you start with the oldest known ancestor and work forward to modern times.

Sources of information are older relatives, town histories, church and town records, family bibles, and cemeteries. Town clerks' offices and town libraries contain a wealth of data on vital statistics. Data may be collected on cards or in notebooks.

The data collected should include names, dates of deaths, births, and marriages, who married whom, occupations, and dates of migrations. By using these techniques, Chet has traced his descent to his great-great-grandfather, a successful Upton farmer named Ebenezer Walker. Family records indicate that Chet is also a descendant of a Robert MacClothlan, one of Oliver Cromwell's Scottish prisoners, who was transported to Wenham, Massachusetts, in 1651 and freed in 1664. At present Chet is tracing the connection between the two families. He has established his relationship to such an interesting person as "Necktie" Claflin, who got his start in trade by peddling ties from a bicycle on the streets of Milford and who later moved to Philadelphia and became a merchant prince.

Chet finds that one of the results of his hobby is that it introduces him to distant relatives from many walks of life. This interest in common ancestors has caused families to form associations; for example the Claflin Association held their 100th meeting last July.

Should you be interested in tracing your descent you will perhaps find equally interesting persons. With 128 great-great-great-great-great grandparents, it is not surprising if some of them did unusual or outstanding things. It is equally possible that one of them may have been a horse thief. You may find that you are entitled to use one or more coats of arms.

Chet, a graduate of Bates College, class of '25, and a former newspaperman, lives at 6 Milford Street, Upton, with his parents. In addition to the hobby mentioned, he is also interested in old books, old newspapers, and antiques. For some years he has been chairman of the board of trustees of the Upton Library.

The boys, who must buy their own guns and ammunition, receive instructions from Ted Flagg, Jr. in how to care for their weapons. Some of the Daisy spring-type guns are the pump type, which hold 50 shots, and others are the lever-action type, which hold several hundred pellets

It's NEW

1. I will cock my gun and pull the trigger only when I am aiming at the target which I intend to shoot.
2. I will never load my gun when the muzzle is pointed at any part of my body or at any person, nor stand in front of anybody who is loading a gun. I will never cock my gun before arriving at—or after leaving—the firing line.
3. I will immediately make sure that any gun that I handle is not loaded.
4. I will never cock my gun and pull the trigger "just for fun."
5. I will never shoot directly at a flat, hard curve such as a bottle or similar object, as the BB is certain to ricochet (glance) from it.
6. I will never carry my gun while it is cocked.
7. I will never shoot my gun at a songbird, illegal game, living tree, private or public property, or at persons.
8. I will never shoot at anything before making sure there is nothing within range that my shot might injure if I miss my mark. I will always remember that my shot will skip across water.
9. I will always put my gun muzzle first through a fence before I climb the fence and will climb over between the next two fence posts.
10. Through National Rifle Association membership I will learn to shoot safely at official NRA targets. I will urge my friends to do the same, and I will see that everyone around me obeys these rules for the safety and good of all.

Whitinsville Junior Air Rifle Club

FROM the village green at Lexington to the slopes of Mount Suribachi, American men have won a reputation for marksmanship with the rifle. This is only natural, for most American boys are fascinated by guns; they like to handle them; they like to shoot them. But because improperly handled guns are a hazard, the average parent dreads the day when Junior wants his first air rifle.

Thanks to five men—Harold Case, Sergeant Leslie Wood, Ted Flagg, Jr., Horace Bassett, and John Wright—fewer Northbridge parents need worry and Northbridge can claim another first in Worcester County—a Junior Air Rifle Club. Under their skilled direction, thirty-two boys between the ages of 8 and 15 meet at the Gymnasium each Thursday to learn how to handle rifles properly and to learn to shoot straight. The group is divided into an afternoon session, instructed by Wood and Flagg; and an evening session instructed by Bassett and Wright.

Without instruction, this group of boys could do damage with their spring-type weapons. Under the instruction of intelligent and interested adults, good boys develop into good citizens. Sgt. Leslie Wood and Ted Flagg, Jr., coach this group on Thursday afternoons. Horace Bassett and John Wright coach a similar group on Thursday evenings. (Yes, each boy checked to make sure his gun was unloaded before aiming at the camera)

The boys buy their own guns and ammunition. Using a 15-foot range, they are allowed to use only spring-type Daisy rifles, and shoot at regulation National Rifle Association targets. All members of the club are required to abide by the National Junior Riflemen's Code at all times. Boys trained by this ten-point code will develop into men who can handle high-powered big-game guns with safety to themselves and to others. The code is printed above.

The combination of men who are willing to teach and boys who are willing to learn how to handle a BB gun safely, properly, and accurately is unique in Worcester County. At the moment of writing this club is the only one of its kind. Under the skilled instruction of their adult leaders, these Northbridge boys may progress through fourteen stages from pro-marksman to nine-barred sharpshooter—the highest rank a junior rifleman can attain. By the time other towns follow our lead, Northbridge should have a promising crop of straight-shooters.

at the GYM

How to Dance in Six Easy Lessons

THE young men and women of the 7th, 8th, and 9th grades recognize a bargain when they see one! On January 14, a group of seventy-four 12, 13 and 14-year old members of the Whitin Community Association signed up for dancing lessons. In exchange for one dollar, they learned how to fox trot, waltz, Lindy, rhumba, polka, and how to do the Grand March and Musical Mixer. A second group of thirty-six signed up on February 25, and a third group on April 8.

None of these young men and women knew how to dance at the beginning of the six-week session. Meeting each Friday night from 6:00 to 7:00, they were trained in dancing and social graces by Miss Joan G. Reeves of Worcester assisted by Miss Loriaine E. Plante, Women's Recreational Director. Music was furnished by records.

The boys and girls signed up for the first group in about equal numbers and learned rapidly. When asked about their progress, Miss Plante exclaimed "Pretty good? After a few lessons they are real maestros! They get the basic steps here and then practice at home. Some come back and tell us, 'Daddy doesn't dance like that'."

Those persons who completed at least four of the six lessons are eligible for the Dance Club which meets from 7:15 to 9:15 at the Gym on the same evenings. A fee of twenty cents is charged each person attending the Dance Club, whose function is to afford the youngsters an opportunity to enjoy properly chaperoned social dancing. At times, some instruction in square dancing is given during the Dance Club period.

The reaction of the youngsters has been enthusiastic. The boys, who are required to wear ties and encouraged to wear suit coats, have accepted these rulings gracefully. Many of the pupils have expressed an interest in advanced lessons.

As a result, additional activities have been planned for the Dance Club. It is likely that sometime in April there will be a Guest Night to which non-members may be invited. In June, the Dance Club will hold a semi-formal complete with orchestra. It is planned to have similar lessons next year.

The front line begins a turn as the boys and girls learn how to do the Grand March. The youngsters also receive valuable training in the social graces

About an equal number of boys and girls signed up for the first group. When photographs were taken, in only one case were two girls dancing together. It cost each of these youngsters only a dollar for a series of six lessons in which they learned how to fox trot, waltz, Lindy, rhumba, and polka

After enjoying a roost beef dinner, the firemen moved to the west end of the Cafeteria where they were entertained by professional talent from New York City

Engineers Fete Firemen

USUALLY when the 48 men of the Whitinsville Fire Department assemble it is for the purpose of fighting a fire or to practice fire fighting. But, there is one night in the year when they meet to relax and enjoy the hospitality of their Board of Engineers. This year they were feted on March 1, at the Whitin Cafeteria, by their hosts E. Kent Swift, Sr., J. Hugh Bolton, Sr., Erik O. Pierson, Sydney R. Mason, John H. Cunningham, Jr., E. Kent Swift, Jr., and John H. Bolton, Jr.

The festivities commenced at 6:30 with a full course roast beef dinner especially prepared by the cafeteria staff under the supervision of Miss Mullane. The elaborate dinner was so tastily prepared it would have pleased even the most particular of gourmets.

At the conclusion of the dinner, Erle Simmons, representing the firemen, expressed the appreciation of the men when he thanked the Board of Engineers for having provided so enjoyable an occasion.

Mr. Bolton thanked the firemen for their interest in the department and lauded them for their past accomplishments. He said the department was fortunate in having excellent fire fighting equipment and reliable men to operate it.

Mr. E. Kent Swift, who has more seniority in the department than any other fireman, expressed his pleasure in attending this annual banquet.

Before moving to the west end of the cafeteria to be entertained by professional talent from New York, Mr. P. B. Walker introduced Captain of the Guards Stephen MacDonald and called attention to the Guard Force which is always ready to assist the Fire Department in the plant whenever the occasion arises.

Last year the Fire Department answered 51 fire alarms. Twenty-eight of these alarms summoned the Company's fire fighters to quench fires in property other than that owned by the Whitin Machine Works. Only 15 calls were made in reference to Whitin Machine

Stanley, from the team of Joanne & Stanley, put an the most comical and hilarious act

Works' property, while the remainder were emergency calls, and false alarms. In addition to these services, the firemen each year inspect all property within fire limits comprising the villages of Whitinsville, Rockdale, Riverdale, Northbridge Center, and Linwood, to assure conformity with fire prevention regulations and to correct potentially hazardous conditions.

Teddy English, Master of Ceremanies, and Lucky Lewis team up to beat out a fast rhythm

Sharan O'Neill sang sangs fram same af the latest Broadway shaws

If the "Schnozzola" ever wants a successar, Erle Simmons can fill the bill

The camedy dancing team, "The Three Renowns," misled the audience when they appeared in farmal dress. This act, recently from Landan, was a show-stapper

KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

GEAR JOB

by Roland Dion

The baseball club of Department 420 is planning a different schedule for the coming season. Instead of attending several games in Boston, the members hope to attend the New York Giants—Milwaukee Braves game at the Polo Grounds, New York, on Saturday, August 27. Persons interested in this trip should get in touch with Alfred Matte. To date, the following men have signed up for the trip: R. Lambert, A. Matte, G. Ayotte, S. Putnam, B. Brochu, B. Howard, D. Brochu, D. Tancrell, T. Wallace, and R. Dion. Present plans are to leave Saturday morning and return on Sunday. The cost is estimated at $12.50 for transportation, overnight quarters, and seat at the game.

STEEL FABRICATION AND CUT OFF JOBS

by Maurice P. Valois

We are glad to reappear in print once again after a few months of taking it easy. We hope this column will serve its purpose by acquainting you with your co-workers. . . . Seen around 410 and 432 are new faces, many of old friends, and we are happy to greet Wilfred Miclette, Gerard Lefebvre, Edward H. Vadenais, Jr., Philip A. Hall, Henry Deslauriers, Robert Nydam, Henry Melanson, Francis Finn, Joseph Rousseau, Richard Plante, Ovila St. Germain, Thomas Pottie, Irene Mombourquette, and James Fitzgerald. . . . Sorry to report William Brown, Simon Bosma, and Setrak Akillian as hospitalized members of above departments. . . . Our good friend and foreman, Chester S. Bonczek, has decided to undertake another job elsewhere, and to him we wish luck and to our new supervisor, Pat DeBellis, we extend sincere good wishes on his promotion. . . . We formally greet and introduce our new burner operator, Robert F. Nydam. Born in Whitinsville 22 years ago, the son of George and Goldie (Dow) Nydam, he attended local schools and then went into the U. S. Air Force. While in the service, Bob married Klara Zeh in Germany. One daughter, Patricia, age two, is their only child to date. Bob's hobbies are selling (that's a hobby?) and driving a Plymouth. He has been at W.M.W. some seven months. Bob and Mrs. Nydam live in West Upton, Mass.

Personality of the month: One of the personalities in this department has never been recognized to date, and without further ado, we salute our good friend, Eugene Closson. Gene was born at Bar Harbor, Maine on June 8, 1904. His family moved to Rockland, Maine where he attended grade school. He graduated from Rockland High in 1920, from Rockland Business College in 1922, and furthered his education with an advanced course of business administration at International Correspondence Schools of Scranton, Pa. Gene began at W.M.W. Production Office under Stewart Brown. He later studied painting and interior decorating and went to work for a contractor at Thomaston, Maine. He married the boss's daughter, Miss Mildred Newbert. They have two daughters, Arline and Adaline. He has studied dramatics and has appeared in a number of plays, including *The Arrival of Kitty*, *Nothing But The Truth*, *The Man Who Came To Dinner*, and many more. In 1933, Gene came back to W.M.W. on Department 427 to work as a machinist until 1942. He worked in the Magneto Office and later in the Production Office. He became a supervisor of Stockroom No. 25 and, when Department 432 was started, Gene took over supervision of Stockroom No. 26 where he now works.

He has been a member of the Upton Police Department for 15 years, serving as lieutenant for three years and as deputy chief for the past three years. He has held many high offices in the Knights of Pythias in which he is active. His hobbies are painting, and working in the basement of his home in Upton, Mass. Gene leads a very good and solid life. P.S. Watch your speed while traveling through Upton.

BOLSTER JOB

by Charles Kheboian

The Bolster Job "Old Guard" was saddened deeply with the passing of P. "Joe" Dempsey. Joe, one of the best liked employees on the job, was always helpful. The boys will miss his quick wit and hearty laugh. Joe was not only active here but also in his home town of Millville, where he served on many committees.

Leo Bouley's son, Leo Jr. is home on leave from Labrador. . . . Bob Cochrane's debut as a Cub Scoutmaster was highlighted by a speech Bob made. He said that the importance of the parents' interest in their children's work is a very big factor in their upbringing. . . . Gene Thomas has opened his little workshop in Upton for sharpening saws and lawn mowers. He also does a little woodworking. . . . Lindsay Harding can hardly wait to go quahogging with Walter Fierly. It seems Walter picks faster than Lindsay, and Lindsay always picks up the surplus from Walter's pails. . . . Al Girouard recently bought a newer model—and a Chrysler at that. . . . All members of the Red Sox bandwagon have taken heart in the recent defeats of the Yankees at the hands of the Red Sox. They hope it will continue after the starting date of the baseball season. . . . Those of you who remember Marty Cahill may be interested in knowing that he recently became the father of a baby boy. . . . Another former employee, Andy DeFusco, is going to be married on April 30th. Andy is now an officer in the U. S. Navy.

On March 1, 1955, Department 432 said goodby to Foremon Chester Bonczek, who left last month to accept onother positton. John F. Sloon presented him with o gift from the members of the department

Eugene Closson, Department 432's personality of the month, is supervisor of crib 26 and is deputy chief of the Upton Police

SPINDLE JOB

by Albert Cencak and Edward Bates

First, we will welcome our new employes. In the inspection department we have M. Gendron and F. Hayward. For new employees on our regular crew we have J. Gulino, L. Lubas, O. Mooradian, W. Stevens, L. Woodward, J. Burkey, L. McDonald, C. Pendleton, and the most important new man, the night timekeeper Robert Smalarz, who is a great boost to the night shift. . . . Charles Pendleton, one of the new men, is the son of Lenny Pendleton who is also employed in Department 439 as a set-up man. Charles worked here in 1951 and left for the Air Corps. He served a few years in the States and approximately one year in Arabia. Charles recently returned from California to come here to work. . . . Benny Mezynski, Eddie Rosol, his son and a few friends went ice fishing down to Eddie's pond in Auburn. At the pond they met Arthur King with his hands in his pockets, fishing gear in the box and no fish. Arthur said it was too cold to fish. Benny, Eddie and the rest of the group thought they would try it anyway, but all they caught were colds. . . . John Lamont went to Worcester to do a little shopping, and while shopping he accidentally broke his wrist on a door. John did not want to worry his wife so he called up a local doctor to tell his wife what happened, and that he would probably have to stay in the hospital that night to have his wrist set. Well, you guessed it. The doctor forgot to tell his wife, and when John did not show up, she naturally became worried. When the neighbors found out that John was missing, the rumors began to fly. I, myself, heard three "pips." One rumor had John a victim of hit-and-run driving, another a victim of amnesia, and to get really gruesome, they had his body in one of the ponds. Glad to have him still with us. . . . Elsie Magowan, who is one of our inspectors, has a badly sprained hand. Elsie slipped in a pool of water. . . . Did you notice Jack Pichette and his open-toe shoes? This is not a new style. Jack accidentally dropped a heavy coal shovel on his toes and nearly broke them. From what I hear, Jack's wife had to turn the thermostat down because too much heat was radiated through the floor. My, what a vocabulary!

Mrs. Barnes of the inspection department has a bottle of medicine she takes before lunch. Vera Carr, formerly of 439, wanted a whiff of it to see how strong it was. Well, one whiff and Vera took two steps and fell on her seat. What have you in the bottle, Mrs. Barnes—Hadacol? . . . Have you ever watched John Lamont play "Dominoes" with the new spindle? After a whole morning's work standing the new spindle on end John set one down on an uneven place on the floor, and that was all that was needed. That spindle toppled over, setting up a chain reaction knocking over the whole lot. . . . George Mellor must be quite a cribbage player. He teams up with Louis Rutana of the Research Department, and from what I hear, they are giving their opponents quite a few "skunks." . . . If anyone in the department is interested in chess, they can see a game any noon hour at the inspection desk. The usual players are Larry Adams, his brother Donald, and Bob Dixon. . . . Did you know that Rosanna Cencak, the young lady that made such a fine showing in the New England Bowling Tournament, is the sister of your timekeeper? . . . George Hamm bought a new dog for his children. He said it is part cocker spaniel and just large enough to make a sandwich out of. . . . George Mellor shot an arrow into the air, where it landed he knew not. The young fellow George borrowed it from saw it land though. That is why Mellor had to climb up on that roof. . . . During the month of March a number of men celebrated birthdays. Among them were Leo Lubas on March 11, Victor Gervais on March 4, and Ray Ballou on March 10. . . . Joseph Peltier went to the hospital for a rest.

Leopald D. Dussault, Spindle Job personality, enjoys hunting, fishing, and working on his farm

Spring, and young-at-heart Leopaul Gamelin baught himself an ice cream cane. (Actually Leopaul let his beard graw and pased for this photo just to please a photagrapher friend)

John Cencak, father of Albert J. Cencak, is in the St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester. He is in a room that was donated to the hospital by the Whitinsville foundation. . . . Edward Bates, Jr., A.A., previously stationed at the Naval Training Center at Norman, Oklahoma, arrived home on March 13 for a two-week furlough via a delayed route to Norfolk, Virginia. He will leave Norfolk and sail to Cuba where he is to be stationed for approximately 18 months. His father, Edward Bates, Sr., works on the Spindle Job. . . . With the weather getting warmer there will be plenty of goings on. Drop your news off at the timekeeper's desk, and he will see that it is published. News, photos, or what have you is welcomed.

Personality of the Month: Leopold D. Dussault came to work for Whitins on January 11, 1941. Leo, as he is called by his friends, is a veteran of World War II, serving with an engineer outfit in the European Theater of Operation from 1943–1946. Leo now spends most of his leisure time managing his own farm. He is proud of the four black Angus bulls he has. Aside from his work on the farm and in the shop he finds time for his favorite sports of hunting and fishing.

CHUCK JOB AND AUTOMATICS

by Joseph S. O. Chabot

Personality of the month: Michael A. Courtemanche was born in Blackstone on September 6, 1917. When he was 13 months old Al lost his mother, so he lived with his grandparents for a number of

Michael A. Caurtemanche, Chuck Job and Automatics personality, is shown in this picture in 1950 with his three children: Jaan, John and Arthur

years. His father later moved to Woonsocket, R. I., and Mike attended the parochial schools in that city. In 1929 the family moved to Uxbridge where he attended the old Aldrich school and the 1st year of High School. Due to the depression, he was unable to continue his studies and had to help out his father on the farm. His first job was in the Blackstone Mill, then in the Uxbridge Worsted Mills, and at Potter & Johnson of Pawtucket, R. I. Mike entered the employment of the Whitin Machine Works in 1939 and has held several jobs, among them head of the planning section of Department 418, and as supervisor of this department. In 1941 he married Helen Fitzpatrick, and has two sons and one daughter. His hobby is studying mathematics. Mike is endowed with a very pleasing disposition and is well liked by his co-workers.

SPINNING, CARD ERECTING AND POLISHING

by Francis Horan

April, and I hope we have a good spring this year. As far as the weather is concerned, all signs point to it. The April Fool jokes are all taken care of, one way or the other. Teenagers are getting or making their bids for semi-formal dances, in most cases with the complete cooperation of their parents. I think that is the way things should be done. . . . On *one* day in March, I came to work before it was time to punch the clock, and I didn't complain, for I was fortunate to get a ride. To pass the time I took a walk around the set-up floors. Such action! Those relaxing wondered what I was there for. The answer: I was looking for a place to relax myself. . . . Ed Baker, back at work, looks well, feels well, and declares that he is ready to help Ken and Chico set up those "RM's" and trap twisters. . . . I can understand why Pete Frieswyk and Ed Milliken, regular riders, were so perturbed when their driver bypassed them one morning. "Red" DeJong thought of them between the ponds. He was all wet anyway because of his plumbing troubles the day before. . . . Sorry to hear of Henry Barnett's fire. A nice little side business, typical of Henry who always does good work, was destroyed in the recent Manchaug fire. I'll bet that he makes a comeback. . . . Brazil Namaka and Herman Youngsma have returned to these departments. . . . During the month of March, wedding anniversaries were observed by Mr. and Mrs. Alec Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Krumbholz, and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Haringa. The Haringas celebrated their 30th anniversary on March 13 at a family dinner held at the home of their son Roger on William's Hill, Uxbridge, Mass. . . . March birthdays were observed by William Demague, Germain DesRosiers, John Walker, Bill Hall, Bill Leclaire, Bob Gellatly, and Leopaul Gamelin.

TOOL JOB

by George Jones

Roy Webb, shaper hand, and Mrs. Webb celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary and Roy's 68th birthday on February 21. . . . Francis Haggerty and Alfred Morin of the Tool Job challenged Joe Hickey, Spindle Job, and Henry Audette, Pipes, to a cribbage match at the Grey Barn. After losing seven straight games, Al suggested that they play shuffle board, and then lost four games of shuffle board without a win. . . . Russell Belisle Bailey has been elected secretary of the newly-organized Holy Name Society, a position for which he is well qualified. . . . We are glad to welcome Edmund Dumais back on the day shift and Ernie Adams on the night shift. . . . Moosh Ovian has turned out to be quite the sport. He has ordered a new blue and white Oldsmobile. We'll all be waiting to see his style when he rides down the street. . . . The Tool Job

Charlie May, Research personality, is a specialist in knitting machines. The man on the left is Frank Kelliher

Henry Simonis, formerly of the Roll Job, is a sailor stationed in North Africa. His father, John Simonis, is employed in Department 439

Benefit Banquet Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, March 15, at the Fire Station. They have decided to hold the banquet on April 23 at Aunt Mary's. They plan to have turkey and ham, family style, and an entertainment.

RESEARCH DIVISION

by Bernice Taylor and John Baker

Now that the "not so long" winter has passed, we turn to thoughts of spring. Baseball and golf are the big topics of conversation. Last year the golf tournament champions were Jack Rauth and Charlie May. Who will it be in '55? . . . Happy birthday to Ernie Zimmerman, Spike Smith and Ike Peloquin. And congratulations, too, to Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Meotti who have an April anniversary.

For our personality in April we have chosen Charlie May, who is in charge of Knitting Experiments in the Research Division. He was born in Grafton, Mass. in 1912, attended schools there, and was graduated from Grafton High in 1932. Following this, Charlie went to work as manager of Parker's Restaurant in Webster, Mass. He also worked at Wuskanut Mill in Farnumsville, thereby getting mill experience that was to be a help to him later. He also took a special course in fabric designing at Port Jervis, New York. In 1941 Charlie came to work at W.M.W. as an erector for knitting machines. He traveled extensively in that capacity. His road trips were mainly in the South, though he also worked in Venezuela, Mexico, Puerto Rico and Canada. Then Charlie was appointed to Knitting Research. Being in this work he has had an opportunity to view the rapid progress of knitting machines. For example, there has been a great acceleration of speed in running the frame, yet the fabrics today have fewer imperfections.

Charlie did a great deal of work in overcoming shade marks in fabrics which had been a big problem to mills. In 1937, Charlie married Miss Rita Convery of Worcester, Mass. The Mays live in their own home in Fisherville and have four sons, Stephen, William, James and Charles, Jr. Remodeling antique cars is an unusual hobby that Charlie enjoys. Right now, he is working on a 1906 Model "S" Ford. Charlie is a member of the Standing Committee of the Fisherville Congregational Church, the P. T. A., the South Grafton Fish and Game Club and is a Past Assistant Scout Master. His favorite sport is golf. Charlie is friendly to all, likes people, and so it follows, everyone likes him.

This month we are saying so long to Paul Valacer. Paul is leaving us to go to work as an engineer at Telechron in Ashland, Mass. Our best wishes go with him.

COMBER JOB

by Terry Merolli

Congratulations to Andrew Hoekstra, Ken Hudson and Charlie Harriman. They were presented with 15-year pins by Mr. Jacob DeJong during the month. . . . We bid farewell to R. Turgeon, Milt Perkins, Joe Gulino, Ed Ciccone, Leo Hudon, R. Beaupre and Claire Legassey, our stock clerk. We'll miss those delicious samples of Claire's cooking, too. . . . Birthday greetings to Joe Limanek of Department 445. . . . Best wishes for a speedy recovery to George Catterson who is back in St. Vincent Hospital undergoing an operation. . . . Alex Kieronski is taking orders for alligator shoes. He has added three alligators to his collection of birds and tropical fish. I wonder how many pairs they would provide?

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

by Bill Scanlon

Leon Duda, John McNelly, and Charlie D. Roy are making preparations for the fishing season. This year they are planning to do some salt water fishing. . . . Pat Konvent was home for the week end. He wants to be remembered to the boys. . . . Rene Remillard is out of the hospital and is home recuperating. He says "hello" to the boys. . . . If you see anybody coming to work with an extra size thermos bottle, you know it is Henry Walmsley of Erle Simmons' Department. Maybe it's because he eats a lot of salt on his food.

When it comes to big eaters Harry Tingley and Jack O'Neil top the list. It's a good thing they have transportation, otherwise they would be tired before they started to work. Just carrying the food is a man's job, let alone eating it.

Joe Prendergast is sporting a new model French poodle. Whether it's for protection or just for a pet I don't know, but nevertheless it's a fine looking animal. If you see him with it on a leash, don't be fooled into thinking it is one of Joe's black sheep.

Readers of the Maintenance Department's column are invited to identify this young man. The years have brought some changes

Eight-months old Dennis Charles Radzik is the grandson of Joseph Brachu of the Foundry and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Radzik

CARDS, SMALL PARTS AND CYLINDERS

by George Forsythe

First of all, we would like to welcome back Leo Roberts, Bernie Lefebvre, Albert Poudrier, Sid Daubney, Edward Ciccone and Conrad Plouffe. . . . Birthday greetings to Joe Tero who celebrates April 29. . . . Gene Kurowski has returned to work after being out with a bad shoulder. . . . James Krull, who has retired, was in to pay us a visit the past week. It was nice seeing him again. . . . Come on, gang, how about a little news?

GENERAL MACHINING

by Ken Harrington

We welcome back our timekeeper, Lucy Ross, who was out ill for a week. . . . This month's birthday wishes go to John Megendichian who, like Jack Benny, says that he is just 39. . . . Wedding anniversary greetings go to Ed Krajewski. . . We understand the inspection department has been having trouble keeping their chairs. So, from now on, they are going to keep them chained and locked. . . . If anyone wants a good car wash job done cheap, see "Stu" Jacobs. . . . We wonder what keeps Henry Nelson going to Boston so often. Sometimes it's nice to be single. . . . It won't be long now until Art Ashworth will be bringing in those tomatoes. We know who always gets the best ones. . . . Is that house that John Malley is building ever going to be ready for that housewarming we plan?

ROLL JOB

by Lew Lyman

Our personality for this month is Alphonse Meunier, our likeable night supervisor, who was born in New Bedford. He moved from there to Plainville, Connecticut. After finishing grammar school, he studied mechanical drawing and later served a three-year apprenticeship as a carpenter. He worked at Brown and Sharpe for nine years before coming to Whitins in 1933.

He and Mrs. Meunier lived on High Street, Whitinsville, until October of last year when they purchased a new house in Uxbridge. Al's hobbies are cabinet making (which he is putting to good use in the new home), traveling, and fishing, which he really does enjoy.

Six members of our department will celebrate birthdays during the month of April. They are: Edward Beaudoin, Taeke S. Baker, Wilfred J. Reneau, Victor Picotte, Edward Dawicki, and Guido Giromini. . . . Robert Dippold, former member of this department, was elected to the office of Assessor in his home town of Clinton.

On February 25, 1955, James Maynard Krull of 509 Church Street, Whitinsville, retired from Department 422 in his 49th year of employment in the Shop. A machinist, he began work here on October 6, 1906. Wishing him well are Robert R. Waad, Assistant Employment Manager, left, and Henry S. Crawford, Employment Manager

At the annual Blue and Gold banquet held on Monday, February 14, the cubs of the New Village and Plummers dens presented a play directed by Mrs. Raymond Belanger and her assistants. First Row: Richard Haggerty, Thomas Evers, Ted Giemza and James SanSauci. Second Row: Philias Bardon, Raymond Belanger, Jr., Ernest Ward, George White and Paul DeCapua. Third Row: Mrs. Raymond Belanger, Mrs. Jack Evers, and Mrs. Salvatore DeCapua

BOX JOB

by Alice Travaille

Due to the shortage of news during the last two months, a few birthdays were bypassed. The February birthday of Al Blanchette and the March birthday of Al Kapolka. We wish them many more happy birthdays anyway. More timely is the greeting we extend to Jim Dorsey for his April birthday. . . . On March 8 we had the opportunity of seeing Ralph Nolet's 10-year old daughter, Betty, appear on the "Small Fry Science" television program over Channel 10. We doubt if any of us could have done as well as she did at answering questions concerning the different phases of the moon. . . . Henry Such is the proud owner of a brand new Oldsmobile, and Ralph Nolet, after endless trouble with his old car, has an 1948 Oldsmobile.

During the past two months we lost, by transfer, Arthur Fruch, John Wojcik, and Benny Oles. We miss them, but hope they like their new jobs.

ROVING SMALL PARTS AND ROVING ERECTING

by Mary Hugley

We all hope that Fred Tucker will enjoy his leisure time now that he has retired after 20 years service. . . . Joseph Jacques has gone on a diet to lose weight. Now Joe has a problem. He lost the weight, but now he is still losing, and, if the progress keeps up, he will have to buy all new clothes! . . . We were sorry to see Mary Whalen leave us. She went back to her old job on the winders. . . . We welcome back Rosaireo Lariviere and Milton Perkins. . . . Birthday greetings for April to Del Ramsey.

SHEET METAL, PAINT AND CREEL JOBS

by Dorsey Devlin

As a mild Winter passes on into oblivion and Spring once again is in our midst, the conversations turn to baseball, golf, stream fishing and all the other activities of a new-awakening season. . . . Our Assistant Foreman, Jim Gibbons, stands head and shoulders above everyone else as the official greeter of Spring because of the events that happened to him on the morning of March 4. Such things shouldn't happen to a dog! First Jim missed his regular driver and, with a snow storm blowing, decided to drive his own car. Half way between Blackstone and Uxbridge, "Old Faithful" stalled. Luckily a good-natured truck driver happened along and hooked a tow line onto Jim's car. The car started after a few yards, but Jim couldn't get the driver's attention and therefore was towed right into Uxbridge Center. When he was pulling out from the curb another car came skidding towards him, barely missing by inches. Undaunted, our hero proceeded toward work, but as he turned into the parking lot he slid into the fence and had to spend several minutes getting unhooked. We think Jim did a day's work before he even reached the job.

With a night shift being necessary at this time Al Besaw, Tony Petrillo, and Allan McCrea have been transferred from days. . . . Dorothy Aspinwall is the new stock clerk at Crib 25. . . . Leo Leduc is back to work on the Creel Job after two weeks' illness. . . . Paint Job drippings: George Braman, Jr., recently celebrated his 5th birthday with a party given by his dad George, Sr. . . . William Ricard is a new addition to the Paint Job. . . . Henry Pandolfi and Gilbert Quist have returned to the job temporarily. . . . Harold Ingham deciding to raise a garden this year. . . . Best wishes from the job to both the wife and mother of Arthur Laferriere who at this writing are confined to the hospital.

METAL PATTERNS

by Bill Prior

The department personality this month is Henry Forget. He was born in Douglas in 1910 and is still a resident of that town. His first job, at the age of 17, was working for his father in a laundry in Woonsocket. After two years he returned to Douglas where he went to work at the Schuster Woolen Mill. He was employed there for nine years, working in the dye house and finally the finishing room. In January 1941, he came to Whitin and worked as a pattern maker for the late C. M. Stuart on Department 402. During the war years he transferred into the maintenance gang, and after the war he returned to pattern making. He is now a first class man. He is married to the former Elizabeth Larochelle of Whitinsville. They have three sons and two daughters: Robert, age 15; Norman, age 8; David, age 3; Lorraine, age 10; and Jeanie, age 6. Henry's hobbies are hunting and fishing. He is president of the Douglas Fish and Game Club. This summer Henry plans to operate a hot dog stand near the Whitin Reservoir in Douglas. Henry says only grade A food will be served.

We on 402 welcome back Ed Benoit after working at General Electric in Lynn and at a Pattern Shop in Buffalo, New York. . . . Gerritt Dykstra, our foreman, is back to work after hospitalization. . . . Bobby Dion is changing over from a maintenance man to a pattern maker. We wish him success in his new field.

RING JOB

by Robert E. Balcome

On a recent week end Mrs. Richard Lemay, a former ring jobber, having mixed up a casserole concoction of noodles, tuna fish, milk, etc. left it on top of the stove before placing it in the oven for her husband's supper, while she did a little errand. At this point, Skipper, their pet parakeet, decided it was Satur y night and bath time. Seeing an ideal place for operation, he flew down into the casserole, spreading its contents far and ide. Not content with fluttering in the xture, he flew into the living room to his vorite window sill, and there divested h. self of all excess noodles, etc. The bird still alive and we think Dick had to eat omething else for dinner, although his ta gets feathery at times.

Birthday greetings to Herb Smith, Charlie Coombs, Joe Hetherington, Bill Haley and Roland Turgeon. . . . Belated greetings to William Brouwer. . . . We welcome to our department William VanderMeer, William Brouwer, Ovilla Millette,

William Haley and Roland Turgeon, an old timer. Hope you like it here, boys, in the highest department in Whitins. . . . Sickness has hit several of us in recent weeks and, at this writing, Dorothy Seagrave is in the hospital. Best wishes to her for a quick recovery.

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

by Harold E. Libby

We welcome back Fred Demars who is back to work after a month-long attack of virus pneumonia. . . . Best of luck to Alton White, who underwent a major operation on March 7. . . . We welcome Jeannette Pouliot and Theresa Benjamin to our Repair Order Department. . . . William VanNess won the election to the East Douglas Welfare Board. Good going, Bill, when we're hungry we will know just where to find you! . . . We welcome to our department Bill VanNess, Jr. who has been absent the past four years while in the Navy. Bill was attached to the Carrier Service out of Corpus Christi, Texas and Quonset Point. . . . Felician Roy of our Packing Department is eagerly awaiting the arrival of his son, Leo Paul Roy, who has been in the Japanese and Korean section the past four years. . . . Eleanor Baca terminated her duties in our Repair Department Office on March 11. She was tendered a baby shower at the home of Mrs. Janet Bissen, with Nancy Britten as hostess. . . . John McQuade, formerly connected with our Parcel Post Division, will return from Germany March 10 where he has been stationed the past two years. . . . Albert Montgomery celebrated his 70th birthday and his 50th year with the W.M.W. on January 21. A surprise party, which included a beautifully decorated birthday cake and congratulatory cards from scores of well-wishers, was staged by members of the Traffic Manager's Office. He was presented many gifts. This was a double anniversary Albert will long remember.

CORE ROOM

by John Kurowski

We welcome back Kirkor Minasian and Norman Gendron who were called back to work after short lay-offs. We also welcome newcomers Edmond Lemoine, John Lamert and Joseph Boucher. Business is still going in the right direction. . . . Due to a little mixup, Ralph McCray is still waiting for his new Ford. Patience, my boy! . . . Omer Parent is continuing his education. He is working for his high school diploma with the rest of the boys. . . . In the field of sports, Lefty Houle is keeping us informed about the hockey play-offs while Shorty Auclair keeps us straight on the basketball play-offs. . . . Henry Baker had a near catastrophe. One evening Henry went down cellar to do a little work. While he was down cellar his wife made some fudge and put it in the sink to cool off. When Henry finished his work, he came upstairs and promptly went to the sink and washed his hands without seeing the fudge. We never did find out how that fudge came out.

Everyone seems to be enjoying some of these fine springlike days except Florent Verrier. Florent only smiles when it gets cold and raw. He takes that oil business seriously.

GRINDER JOB

by Betty Ann Feen

Belated birthday greetings are extended to Archie Jacobs and Walter Sokolowski, who celebrated their birthdays the same day, February 21, and to Henry Nejadlik and Paul Neslusan. There being no birthdays for March, we extend birthday greetings for April to Jeannette Sisoian, Beatrice Winchell, and Clinton Tracy. Best wishes to all of you and may you all have many more. . . . Wedding anniversary greetings for the month of March are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Tracy who celebrated their 34th on St. Patrick's Day, March 17. Also congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gauvin who are also celebrating their 34th wedding anniversary on April 19, Patriot's Day. We all wish you the very best wishes and may you celebrate many more together.

Glad to see Bill Markarian back to work after about three weeks absence with an arm injury. . . . Welcome mat is out to Joe Waterman, Arthur Ricard, and Robert Carrier. . . . Frank Mancini, our planner, got his finger caught in his fishing reel, but didn't have to amputate. He is preparing for the trout fishing season. . . . Department 426 is just booming with fishermen, but I'm waiting to see how they are all going to do this season. . . . Henry Nejadlik, a prominent member of the Whitin Glee Club, is holding noon-hour recitals down by the heat induction machine. Henry is quite a singer. Anyone wishing to join, see Henry at noon.

Freddy Vallee has been very busy this winter remodeling his home. He deserves a lot of credit. Now he is getting ready to open his "Tastee Freeze" in Mendon on Route 16.

Albert Buma has already started to talk about how many more days he has until his retirement, which is a year from this July. I suppose this will make the time seem shorter for Al by his starting to count the days now.

SPINNING SMALL PARTS

by Jake Sohigian

Bob Pouliot got into his car one morning, and found out that the car had a broken fuel pump. Bob punched in at 8:00 o'clock that morning, and took quite a razzing from the job. . . . Ernie Burroughs got up early one Saturday morning and headed toward Natick, to a pony auction—matter of fact, he came back with one. Now, what interest has Ernie in ponies when he has his beautiful Cadillac available?

The other night when we got out of work at 4 o'clock, the wind started howling and the snow fell in buckets full. It was so hard walking that Franny Forsythe stood up against the shop wall waiting for it to subside. His daughter happened to go by and recognized him standing there, even though he was covered all over with snow. He was a facsimile of a snow man. Her car was full, so when she arrived home she called a taxi and informed the driver of the exact location he would find Franny. . . . At this writing, Jim Buckley is waiting to take a little trip across the water in a big DC7. It is with great sincerity that we wish him a happy trip. . . . New faces on the job this month are as follows: Al Lucier, Simeon Bolduc, Leo Trottier, Alfred McNeil, Ken Johnson, Henry Laverdiere, Mike Baghdasarian, and Maurice Poissant. Welcome to them all. Also welcome back to an old hand, Walter Sizer.

Five young men received the Silver Arrow award at the Blue and Gold banquet of St. Patrick's Cub Scout Pack #150. Front Row: Mr. James Moeller, Field Executive, Worcester Area, Leon Bien, William Hogan, John Gauvin, and Mr. William Gilroy, Cub Master. Back Row: Joseph Roy and John Hogan

MYSTERY PHOTO—on the left is Foreman Ken Meader—when he was a lad. The young man in the stylish straw hat was photographed in 1905. Recognize him?

WOOD PATTERNS

by Vera Taylor

Personality of the Month: Armand Cournoyer was born in Webster, December 8, 1921. His family moved to Whitinsville when he was about three years old. He attended Northbridge Public Schools, graduating from high school in 1940. From this time until he entered the service in 1942, he served his apprenticeship in the Drafting Room. In the Army he was an aerial gunner. He spent a year-and-a-half of the three years in a prison camp in Germany. While in the Army he was awarded the Air Medal. After his discharge from the service he returned to Whitin Machine Works and worked in the Methods Department until 1948. In October 1948 he enrolled as a pattern maker in the Apprentice School. He graduated with the rest of his class in 1954. He married the former Marjorie Murphy of Uxbridge. They live in North Uxbridge with their four children, Barry, Cathy, Polly and Reed, in the house which Armand designed and built himself. His hobbies include ceramic work, and woodwork, especially Colonial furniture. He is quite clever at drawing cartoons, samples of which appear in the SPINDLE from time to time.

Baseball is in full swing; basketball tournaments are all over; arguments have merely changed their field. Al Sutcliffe is blooming with seed catalogs. The golfers have polished their clubs. In fact, everyone is going about business as usual now that spring is here; no one is imparting any news, also, as usual. You still have to dig the news out, and then it's given grudgingly. Every once in a while the column is skipped for lack of interesting material or, for that matter, lack of *any* material. Then the howl goes up—"What happened? No column this month." . . . Ralph Houghton, Jr., has been discharged from the Army after serving three years. Two of these years were spent in the Japan-Korea area. Needless to say, Ralph Sr. and Mrs. Houghton are beaming these days. . . . James Ferguson is back square-dancing after recovering from a bad leg. . . . Francis Joslin has acquired another car. He got tired of being pushed around the parking lot. . . . Lawrence Gilmore and Peg Devlin are supplying the department with fudge at intervals. Mr. Gilmore's loyalty seems to be a trifle misplaced, though. Information has leaked through that his contributions in the fudge line are being directed to the Credit Union. . . . Maria Donatelli does us proud, too. She's the Pizza Queen. . . . Mrs. Archie Fournier is recuperating at home after a siege at the Whitinsville Hospital. . . . Mrs. David Richardson has almost completely recovered from her recent operation at Worcester Memorial Hospital. . . . All these hospitalizations must have stirred up the Massons. Mrs. Julian Masson is taking a course in practical nursing at Rhode Island School of Practical Nursing. . . . Birthday greetings in April to Alfred Sutcliffe and Vera Taylor.

Corrections Dept.: It was erroneously reported that June Sutcliffe has been accepted at Framingham State Teacher's College. My error—Worcester State Teacher's College. . . . In the birth announcements, Ernest Kroll's new daughter was Carolyn. It took quite a while for the Krolls to make up their minds, and the SPINDLE went to press in the meantime. Our apologies, Karen M. Kroll.

FOUNDRY

by Joe Guidi

Our personality of the month is William J. Gardner. Bill was born December 14, 1913, in Uxbridge, Mass. He received his education in the Uxbridge Schools. Prior to entering the Whitin Machine Works, Bill was employed by the Uxbridge Highway Department, but for the last 18 years he has worked on our squeezer unit in the Foundry. He is married and has two daughters, Nancy, 17 years of age, and Juanita, 8. Bill now makes his home at the Blue Eagle Inn. He lists his hobby as cribbage playing.

We're happy to have "Varky" Arakelian back with us fully recovered from his accident. . . . Fred Dumas paid us a visit recently. He comes in to see all his old friends now and then and we're glad to have him come in. . . . Congratulations to Armand Martin who recently received his 15-year service pin. . . . We express our sincere thanks to Armand Roberts for the excellent job in the writing of this column in the past. I hope that I can keep up this good work in the future.

We welcome back the following men who have been recalled: J. Latourelle, J. Truesdell, D. Bigwood, N. Tessier, J. Holewa, E. Robillard, A. Jenkins, D. Barnes, W. Dandy, A. Patenaude, R. Chester, J. Dandy, W. Levesque, J. Adams, M. Zeroogian, W. Belhumeur, M. L. Scurry, H. Duquette, J. Spearman, S. Kraft, and J. Autotte.

We also welcome the following new men: H. Smith, G. Sawyer, J. Noel, W. St. Martin, R. Kemp, J. Ballard, W. Wilson, O. Ross, L. Demers, G. Kevorkian, D. Hagstrom, R. Goulet, R. Lavallee, R. Wilson, J. Beauchemin, R. Ballou and J. Feceia.

The Foundry is rather glad the Mardi Gras Celebration in Woonsocket is over. Now most of our men from the city can get back to normal. Those late hours celebrating can do a lot of damage to a man. If you don't believe us, ask little Gus. He can tell you. . . . We would like to wish a speedy recovery to Joe Brochu who was recently injured on his job. . . . A large welcome to Walter J. Pendergast, who recently returned to work after 3½ weeks illness. We hope that he is feeling a lot better. . . . Also returning after being ill are Joseph Deneault and Joseph Checchi. Joe Deneault is supervisor of the sand slinger floor and Joe Checchi is supervisor of the facing muller crew.

COST DEPARTMENT

by Dick Hanny and Pauline Hagan

The April showers have brought forth a little news with the first crocuses and daffodils. . . . Members of the department now have gas masks furnished as standard equipment. One quiet afternoon we were attacked by a strong-smelling gas which turned out to be a short circuit in the fluorescent lights. . . . The Telephone Company has done it again! After a long tough battle combating the horrors of Sutton's terrain they have reached "Snowbound," the home of Phil Johnson, and presented him with a telephone and contact with the outside world.

Anyone like to buy a registered thoroughbred Labrador Retriever, with an additional free bonus of one dozen doughnuts?

It seems Florence LeBeau went home from work one night expecting to satisfy her hunger for some home-made doughnuts that were to be delivered to her home that day, but as fate would have it, the thoroughbred retriever had been doing some "retrieving."

Ray Tebeau faithfully followed his Alma Mater, Holy Cross, to Madison Square Garden where they participated in the National Invitation Tournament. . . . Congratulations go to Ted Fronczak, Joe Platukis and Leo Imondi, upon receiving awards for recent suggestions. . . . Eve Lundberg's pride and joy, Lewis, has joined the Cub Scout pack in Uxbridge. Just watch the good deeds fly now! . . . We welcome back Marion Metcalfe after a three-week siege of virus. . . . Gordon Curtis is now singing "Somebody Else is Taking My Place," since his wife won that six-foot Gentleman Rabbit from a local merchant. Birthday greetings to: Joseph Platukis, Everett Grant, and Ken Crossman. . . . Anniversary greetings to: Margaret and Donald Crosby, their 9th; Leroy and Mrs. Benner, their 28th; Herb and Mrs. Barnes, their 19th; and Thomas and Mrs. Altoonian, their 8th.

PAYROLL COMPUTATION, TABULATING, BUDGETS, STATEMENTS AND TIMEKEEPING

by Bob English

The coming of Spring, to us, is never just a date on the calendar—it may be the first crocus we spot or the yellow flowers of a forsythia bush, but in our case, it's that new cream-top, pale-green '55 Chevy owned by Pauline Reynolds. . . . Jim Burke, internal auditor, contributed his first nickel to the Budget Department's "Swear Box"—Jim was caught off base using a "descriptive adjective" while relating an interesting incident to his associates. . . . A kitchen shower for Joan (McFarlane) Jones attended by girls of the Tabulating Department was held at the home of Caroline Salatiello on February 17. Joanie was also presented a beautiful lamp and a set of figurines by the Tabulating Department at a noon day gathering at Aunt Mary's on February 25. . . . Birthday greeting for March to: Fred Garcelon, Ruth Kellaher, Harold Tallman, and Janet Ingham.

John Parker Shaw, Statements personality of the month, and his 6-year-old daughter Kathryn enjoy a ride in an outboard motor boat

Personality of the month: John Parker Shaw, quiet, soft-spoken assistant supervisor in the Statements Department, is sincere, courteous, and easy going. He was born in Putnam, Connecticut and makes his home in Pascoag with his wife, Rhoda, and children, Kathryn, age 6 and John, age 2. A graduate of Burrillville High School, Class of '38, he attended Rhode Island School of Design for three years nights. During World War II he saw five years service with the 8th Air Force in England and was credited with thirty missions over Germany. After the war he graduated from Bryant College, Class of '50, and worked in Brown & Sharpe's small tool department. His hobbies are fishing, sailing, motor boating, and home movies. On February 21, Henry Bailey presented John with a five-year pin. John's most recent venture was converting from a Chevrolet to a Ford.

William Greenwood, Jr., whose father works in 428, has been promoted to Airman 2/c following his completion of training as a jet engine mechanic. In the service since January, 1954, he is stationed at Forbes AFB, Topeka, Kansas

MAIN OFFICE

by Gloria Frabotta and Marlene Willard

Let's begin this month with an "April shower" of wishes for the birthdays of Gert Barlow, Marion Taft, Evelyn McNamara, Jim Marshall, J. J. Foley and Jesse Loredo, and also for the anniversaries of Agnes Spratt and Clayton Cleverly. . . . Ole Man Weather seems to have gone against Marlene Willard, who has had plans to take driving lessons for three or four Sundays now, and is just waiting for a clear and sunny one. . . . Gloria Frabotta contracted a sore throat last month, and was out ill for several days. Perhaps it was caused by her attending the Uxbridge-Northbridge basketball game, or maybe it was the shock of seeing Gordon Spence wearing a striking pink shirt. A still better reason undoubtedly would be the sparkling diamond she was sporting on her left hand third finger given to her by Andy Fitzgerald. Well, whatever the reason for that sore throat, we congratulate Gloria and Andy on their engagement. . . . Watch your change folks! It seems everyone in the Main Office has become coin conscious. Mrs. Barlow has started a coin collection for her grandnephew in California and she has been inspecting everyone's change with her trusty magnifying glass. We wish her luck with this collection. . . . Jesse Loredo, of the Foreign Department, spent about ten days on a business trip to Mexico. . . . Bob Maynard believes in enjoying the snow while it lasts. Last month he spent a few more enjoyable days at his favorite Stowe resort. . . . Agnes Kalousdian, of the Payroll Department, had an enjoyable week end visiting her cousin in New York last month.

Foundry Superintendent Raymon F. Meader

Foundry Superintendent Raymon F. Meader was the principal speaker at a meeting of the Chicago chapter of the American Foundrymen's Society on March 28. Mr. Meader's topic was "Improvements on Conventional Molding," and was illustrated with samples of regular production Whitin castings and by colored slides.

Mr. Meader was invited to address this mid-western group because of the remarkably fine results achieved by our green sand method of molding. The Chicago chapter was interested in learning why Whitin castings have such a fine surface finish.

John Hay, staff assistant to F. O. Rizer, Production Manager, retired on February 18, 1955, after working here since September, 1933. A purse, the gift of his fellow workers, was presented him by F. O. Rizer. John plans to live in Florida

PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

by Tad Wallace and Margaret Newton

Marge and Harry Newton attended the Winter Carnival in Andover, Maine during the March 12th week end. Marge says that this is really a fine affair, highlighted by some excellent ski-jumping. Needless to say, the Newtons were strictly spectators. . . . The girls from the office night shift went to the TV show "Breakfast at the Sheraton" in Providence, Thursday, March 10. Helen Adams won a Longines Wittnauer watch for answering this question, "about how many books were in the Boston Public Library in 1953?"—do you know the answer? (Reporter's note—we do not.)

Spring is here, and as our last hopes for a championship bowling team vanishes, we turn our thoughts to other fields. We are informed that at this moment the golf league is being organized and that the fishermen are getting the tackle boxes in shape. The baseball enthusiasts are getting ready to do battle with anyone who is not for their favorite clubs. Many of us are just waiting for the good warm weather, vacations, swimming, outings, etc. The good old summertime—you can't beat it!

The reporters are going to try it again. From time to time we solicit your assistance in getting news to us. Maybe we did not put it across properly because the question seems to be centered around what type of items you should submit; here are a few suggestions: hobbies, vacations, marriages, births, birthdays, anniversaries, pictures, parties, etc. It all makes interesting reading and it is *your* column.

REPAIR SALES DEPARTMENT

by Joyce Rondeau

This month we welcome to our Order Processing Section, Miss Carol Davidson. Carol formerly worked at C. T. Sherer's in Worcester. We hope her stay with us will be very pleasant. . . . Ann Gleason has been transferred to the Schweiter Winder Processing Section where she will work with Charles Pearson. . . . Carl Dupree has been transferred to the Cost Department. We are pleased that Carl has this opportunity, and wish him all the best in his new position. A party was held for Carl at Aunt Mary's and we feel it was a fine tribute to Carl's popularity, with practically 100% of his co-workers attending. . . . A party was held at the Colonial Club by the girls in the office for Madeline Leaver, who has left the office. We wish Madeline the best of luck. . . . Many happy returns on birthdays this month to Ann Gleason, Al Nelson, Ray Adams, Tom Marshall, Lil Mathurin, Joyce Brown and Betty Mombourquette. . . . . Best wishes on their anniversaries to Norma Baker, Marguerite Tatro, and Joyce Brown. . . . The office is back to full strength now with the return of our winter vacationers from Florida: R. G. McKaig, R. W. Rawlinson, Art Shevchenko and Edna L'Esperance. . . . Fred Hanny is on a leave of absence. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him back with us soon. . . . As promised during the first half of the Shop Bowling League, the Repair Department has bettered their position this half. They are in 2nd place! Strong bowling by Adam Davidson, Jim Marshall, and Henry Cant has kept the team there. With a little luck they can still make it!

Foreman Sam Shaw, Carpenter Maintenance, is the grandfather of year-old Elizabeth Ann Shaw

METHODS DEPARTMENT

by Jean Cunningham

We hope by the time this SPINDLE is read Mrs. Barnett will be back with us again. At this writing Irene has already spent three weeks in the hospital but reports say she is doing well. Hope to see her soon. . . . Lydia Hickey is also absent. We hope she will soon regain her health and return to work. . . . We put the candles on the cake this month for Al Capone and Paul Wheeler. Paul, by the way, has a son whose birthday falls on the same day as his. . . . We wish Mr. and Mrs. Kurken Garabedian and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wheeler happy wedding anniversaries this month.

We had two politicians who ran for office in the last town election but neither one of them quite made the grade. Perhaps next time will bring Sam Mateer and Harley Buma better luck. Sorry, boys, but you know now how politics go. . . . John Lalor was elected to the position of secretary of the American Society of Tool Engineers Worcester Chapter 25 for 1955–1956. Jack is a tool designer working at present for Arno Wagner of this department. He is a graduate of Whitin Machine Works Apprentice School, also R. I. School of Design, Worcester Tech, and has been studying for 9½ years. He was one of the founders of Mil-lor Engineering Inc., of Millville, Mass., which manufactures tools, dies, gauges and special machinery.

Has anyone seen Ben Musket driving around in his brand new Dodge? He likes it and everyone else does too. . . . Joe Bouley ran into a little trouble with his car after parking it one warm afternoon in the wet mud. The next morning, after a real cold night, Joe had to use an axe to break the ice that had formed around the wheel. It took him about an hour-and-a-half to dig the car out only to find that his brakes were frozen and he had a broken shock absorber. He has learned his lesson though—now Joe parks his car on a tarred road.

WAGE STANDARDS

by Donald H. Amiro

The following is an excerpt from a U. S. Air Force Publication. "On January 28, T/Sgt. Harley K. Simmons reenlisted M/Sgt. Ernest E. Field. M/Sgt. Field is an old recruiting man himself. As a matter of fact, Sgt. Field is the same man who enlisted Sgt. Simmons three years ago in Whitinsville, Mass." Sgt. Harley K. Simmons left Wage Standards to enter the Air Force. Perhaps some will remember M/Sgt. Fields who had a corner of the Post Office for an office.

Wage Standards welcomes Raymond Ballou who comes to us from Pascoag, Rhode Island. . . . Herbert Lindblom has returned to the office from the Foundry Division to supervise Standard Data in the Shop together with that of the Foundry. . . . This is the Spring Concert season for the Glee Club. They appeared in Providence on March 13, in Southbridge on March 23, and will do a concert in Uxbridge on May 5. The Glee Club will be open for membership directly after the concert on May 5. . . . Say ladies, can't you urge your husband to join the Glee Club? The only requirements are to work in the Whitin Machine Works and have a real desire for good fellowship.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

by Connie Duggan

Our wishes for a speedy recovery go to Ted Widor, who is convalescing at his home after undergoing surgery at Woonsocket Hospital. . . . Has everyone seen Bob Crossland's new Ford? And, how could you miss it? The color of it—torch red and white! . . . Alice Naroian reports seeing the Ice Follies at the Boston Gardens, and that she thought it very enjoyable. . . . With the warm weather here, the main topic of conversation around the office is golf. A small league has been organized again this year. Frank Newton has a bad case of spring (golf) fever and is out on the greens every chance he gets. . . . Birthday wishes this month go to Alice Naroian.

To Roger Delorme, Foundry, and Mrs. Delorme, the former Lucille Tellier of North Smithfield, a daughter, Dolores, on December 15 in Woonsocket Hospital.

To Jerome Rodman, Foundry, and Mrs. Rodman, the former Dorothy Snay of Webster, a son, David, on March 3 in Webster District Hospital.

To Romeo Turgeon, Department 420, and Mrs. Turgeon, a daughter, Jo-Ann, the first girl born at Woonsocket's new Mercy Hospital.

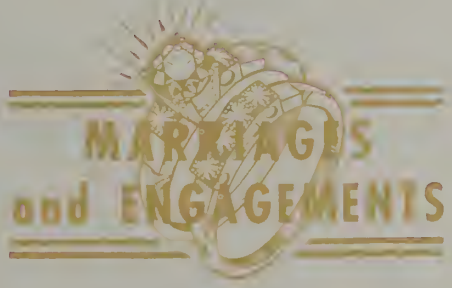
To Norman LaBelle and Ann LaBelle, formerly of the Main Office, a son.

To Gordon Milkman, of the Garage, and Mrs. Milkman, a son, Kevin Earle, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, at the Whitinsville Hospital on March 12.

To Wade Mills and Mrs. Mills, a daughter, weight 8 pounds, 4 ounces, in Woonsocket Hospital on March 15, 1955.

To Phil Dion and Mrs. Dion, a son, James Arthur on March 1, 1955.

To Ross Newton, Research, and Mrs. Newton, a daughter, Karen Ann, on February 19.

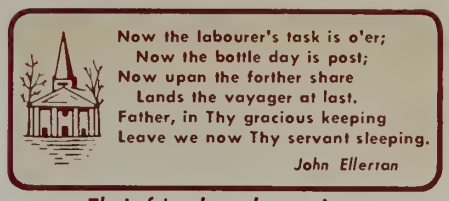


Joan McFarlane, Tabulating Department (462), married to Carl Jones of Worcester on March 5, at the home of the bride, 38 Spring Street, Whitinsville.

Shirley Hinchliffe, Controller's Office, Department 462, engaged to Hubbart Sweet of Worcester. No date has been set for the wedding.

The engagement of Gloria Frabotta, Main Office, to Andy Fitzgerald, Jr., has been announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Thiebault were married on January 4, 1955, in St. Augustine Church, Millville. The groom is employed in Department 414 and the bride, the former Pearl Appellof, is the daughter of Hilding Appellof of the Foundry



Their friends and associates extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved

Relatives and friends of Frederick I. Marchand, 65, of East Hartford Avenue, North Uxbridge, who died February 27 in St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester. Prior to his retirement a year ago, he was employed as a molder in the Foundry.

Survivors and friends of Patrick Joseph Dempsey, 49, of Prospect Street, Millville, who died in Woonsocket Hospital on March 1. A former Millville town official and for eighteen years an employee of the Whitin Machine Works, he was a member of Department 449.

Family and friends of Edward Garrity, of Blackstone, Mass., who died on January 25, 1955. He was formerly employed in the Brass Foundry.

Alphonse Marceau, Department 420, and Mrs. Marceau on the death of their infant daughter.

Michael Bodnar, Department 432, on the death of his mother, Mrs. Sofia Zarimba Bodnar of Woonsocket in February.

Mike Yozura, Department 432, on the death of his mother, Mrs. Anna Stacia Yozura of Woonsocket in February.

James Sheehan, Department 426, on the death of his mother who died March 14.

William Rutana, foreman of 448A, and family on the death of his mother February 20, 1955.

Edward Dulmaine, Tool Job Night Shift, on the death of his wife.

Elvin Wahlman, on the death of his mother.

Robert Mowry, on the death of his father.

Edward Malhoit, Assistant Foreman of Department 429, on the death of his mother.

Family and friends of Hertsen Vander-Brug, 63, of 32 Cottage Street, who died at the Christian Sanatorium, Paterson, New Jersey, on March 13. A native of the Netherlands, he was a machinist at the Whitin Machine Works for 42 years prior to his retirement six years ago.

Family and friends of Lloyd E. Flint, 70, who died at his home on Overlook Street on February 25. A native of Roxbury, Vt., and for twenty-five years a resident of Whitinsville, he was employed in Wage Standards.

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Familiar Faces

Around the Plant

Francis G. Magowan, of 428 and 41 Barder Street, Tawn, is in his 27th year at Whitin. He enjays fresh water fishing with his 3 children, Francis, Philip and Susan

Jaseph I. Bartlett, Set-up man in 411, has warked here far 27 years. Jae and Mrs. Bartlett live in Town. They have 2 sans, 2 daughters, and 9 grandchildren

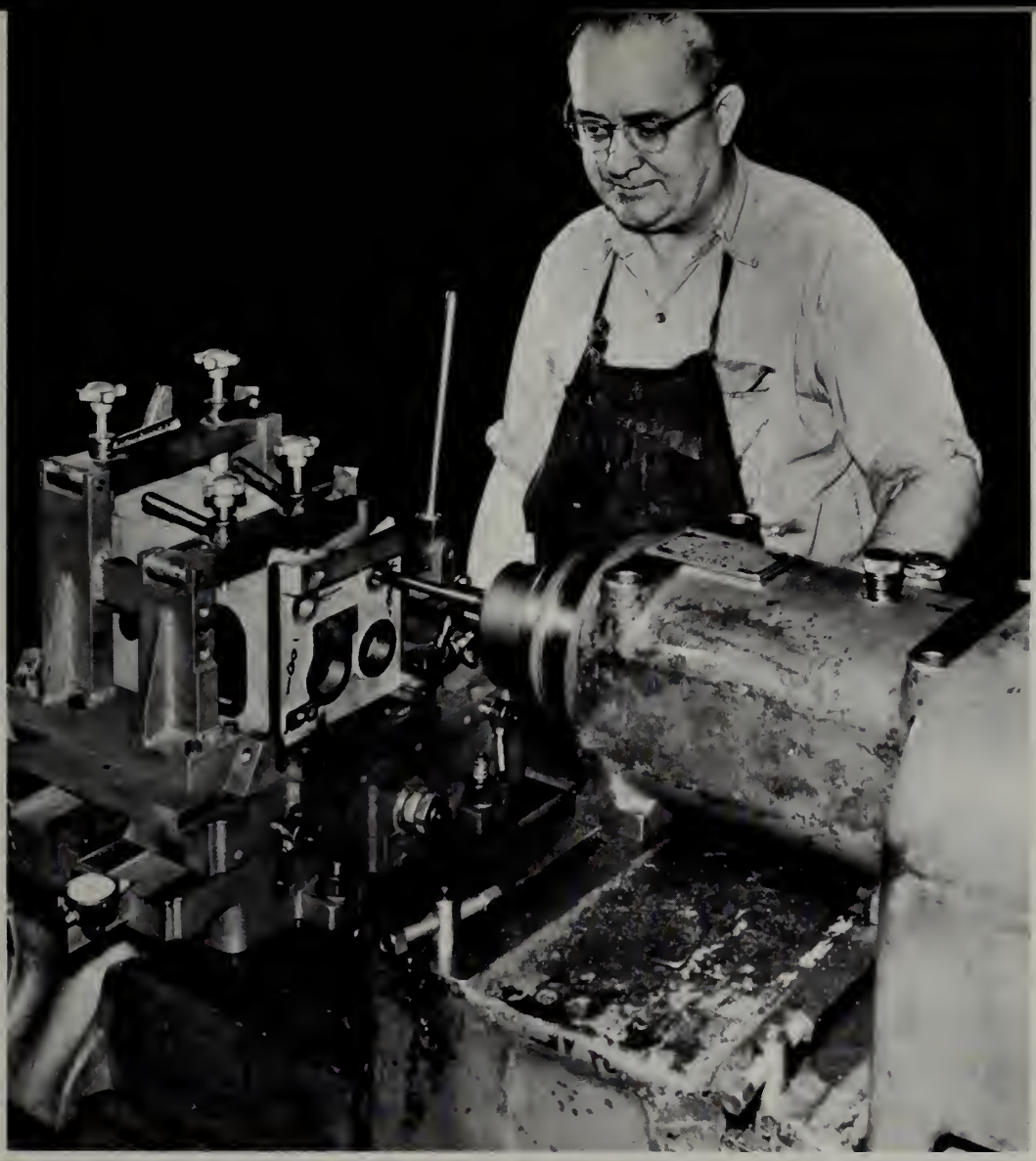
Mrs. Rena Lisak, Stock Clerk in No. 5 Crib, is a Red Sax fan married ta a Yankee fan. Rena and Stanley have a 12-year ald san, Stanley, Jr., and live an Hill Street, Whitinsville

Mrs. Stella Damarjian, Ring Jab, of 430 Church Street, Whitinsville, has been a Whitin employee for 18 years. She has a son, 2 daughters, and 3 grandchildren

Hessel Schatanus, Bench Malder, was barn in Halland in 1900 and came ta the U.S. in 1921. He has 25 years' cantinuaus service here. His habbies are fishing and gardening

Henry E. Plante, Trucker, was born and has always lived in Manchaug where he is deputy chief af the Fire Department. Henry is married and has a daughter

Gearge Haekstra, Department 418, was barn in Germany in 1912 and came ta the U.S. in 1921. A bachelar, he enjays sparts, is a Giants fan and lives in Whitinsville



One of the most useful machines in Department 423 is the Heald Barematic. Arthur Ashworth bores an oscillating shaft hole in a winder box

Precision plus Versatility

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Characteristic of Department 423 are the variety of machines used and the variety of parts processed, for the Job handles many over-runs from other departments. Much of the work calls for the drilling of precisely-located holes. Shown in the drill section, from the left, are Robert McNaul, Group Leader Reynold Boucher, William Smith and Raymond Fontaine

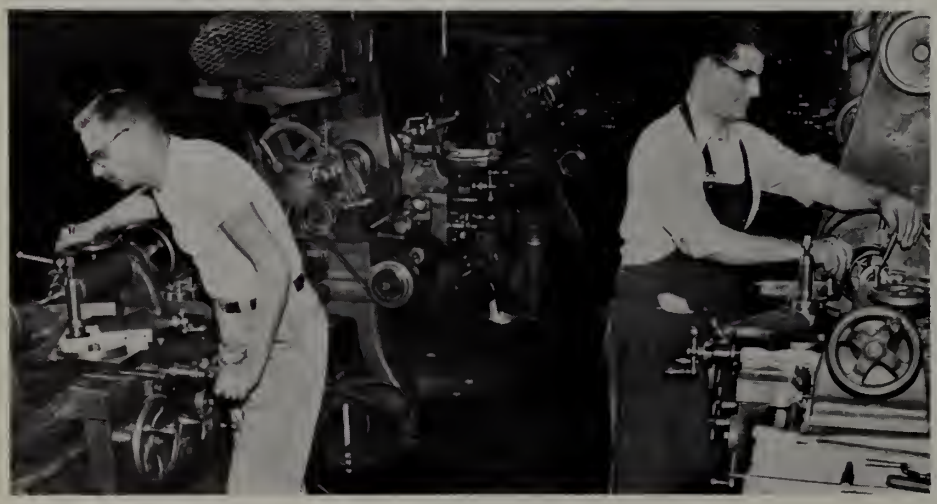
THE General Machining Department plays a major role in advancing Whitin's reputation for fine workmanship. The fifty men of Department 423 know that they and the machines they operate produce parts calling for the most exacting tolerances. They are particularly proud of some of their modern and complex machines found nowhere else in the plant.

Set up in 1947, this department is an almost complete machine shop in itself, designed to handle small lots, pilot lots, and overruns on new orders. Because of the wide variety of machines on the floor, and because the work may be done on either steel or iron, the job often comes to the assistance of other departments when a sudden rush of work must be completed to meet a delivery date. Whitin, in order to remain ahead of our competitors, must be able to fill both large and small orders with speed and accuracy—and many times Department 423 makes that possible.

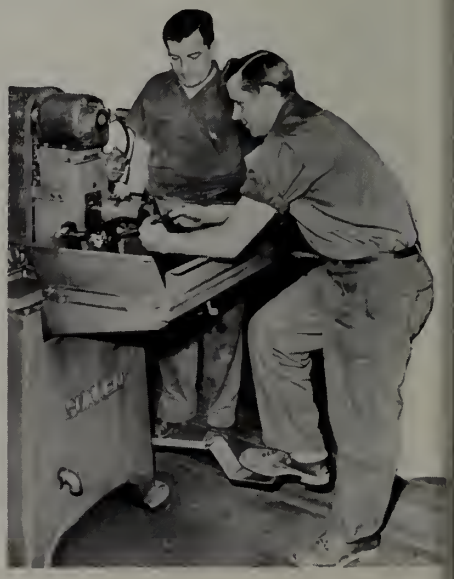
In addition, General Machining has a task of its own—handling in volume much work on synthetic twister parts. Many of these parts, such as self-traversing grooved rolls, cams, and blades, call for extremely close tolerances, as does their work on comber parts, such as nipper frames.

In many ways, 423 is something like the Tool Job, for it is set up to drill, mill, turn, plane, surface grind, grit blast, cylinder grind, spline, key cut, cam cut, hone, balance, and vapor blast. It is the ideal method of handling lots of from one to twenty pieces.

On this job, as on any job, both men and tools are essential. Of the men, Foreman Oliver A. Baker, a man with 32 years of experience at Whitin, says, "I've worked on a lot of jobs, and I know that you won't find a more cooperative group of men in the shop. They're good workmen and they're loyal." On hand



The work force of the department is flexible in that many of the men can operate several types of machines. In the lathe section, from the left, Ken Harrington turns a front end bearing for a spinning frame while John Megerdichian turns the outside diameter of a hanger pulley



Some of the most exacting work is done on the hone, a machine used to finish the inside of a hole to the most exacting tolerance. Supervisor Matthew Krawjewski watches as Stewart Jacobs finishes a small roll, part of a subcontract order, to a tolerance of .0005"

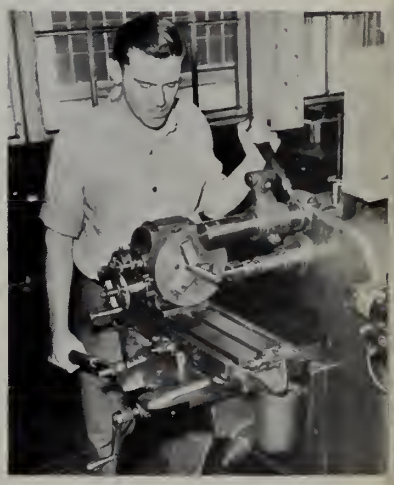
in the well-organized and operated tool crib are hundreds of jigs and fixtures and hundreds of types of tools. On any order it takes only a matter of seconds to locate the proper jigs, fixtures, and tools.

Because General Machining works on both steel and cast iron, the stock used may come from either Department 432 or 406. As 423 makes many parts and performs many operations, the floor is divided into several sections.

Drilling, Boring, and Honing

Much could be written on the proper methods of making, locating, and finishing holes in metal. Some idea of the variety of work of this nature may be gained by a look at the drilling section of 423, where a dozen upright drills, some modified for special work, are in almost constant operation. In addition to the single-spindle, two-spindle, and three-spindle drills, there are three turntable two-spindle drills. Holes may be from the tiniest, almost microscopic sizes up to two inches in diameter.

There are a number of special machines for shaping holes, including a Borematic and an Internal grinder, but perhaps the fanciest work is done on the honing machine. This machine smooths away every imperfection so that the hole is a perfect fit.

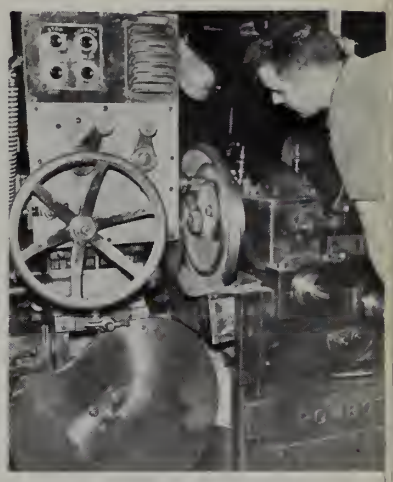


Lionel Grondines uses a Warner Swazey turret lathe to cut threads on a winder part

Peter Babowitch, who has been here since 1939, mills flats on a front roll shaft

Lathes, Milling Machines, Planers

Many of the machines, such as the twenty lathes and six milling machines, are similar to those found elsewhere in the Shop. Eight Warner-Swazey turret lathes turn and bore rolls and studs. In addition to a shaper, a special belt sander, and polishing and buffing machines, the job has the only vertical spliner in the Plant.



Invented by a man who was once a Whitin employee, this Rowbottom cam cutter operated by Edward Krajewski cuts the cam track for a Model "J" Comber cam. The quality of our machines rests on the fine workmanship of intricate parts such as this

Grinders and Cam Cutters

General Machining does a lot of grinding. There are five cylindrical grinders and two surface grinders. It is here that the highly important nipper frames of the famed Model J Comber are surface ground.

The pride and joy of 423 is the cam cutting section. In addition to a double-action cam cutter which makes cams for knitting machines, the job has two duplex cam cutters and four Rowbottom cam cutters, the only ones in the Shop. Old timers will recall that Rowbottom, the inventor of these unique machines, was a former Whitin employee.

In the grinding section Napoleon Ledoux, operating a cylindrical grinder, helps the Roll Job meet a rush order for rolls

Grit Blast and Vapor Blast

The marks left by machining may be removed by a fine grit blast. If an ultra-fine finish is wanted, as on parts that are to be chrome-plated, the Pangborn Hydro-finish machine is used.

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A satin-like finish is given by o vopor blost from the Pangborn Hydro-finish. Leon Gouvin, Jr., is finishing ports which are to be chrome-plated

Assembly and Inspection

Certain parts for synthetic twisters are assembled in 423 at assembly benches. Inspection is of the closest possible nature, using a surface plate, a balancing machine costing $10,000 and other equipment. The balancing machine will measure displacements as fine as .000025″.

Parts may be finished with o grit blast which removes the minute marks left by tools. Under the eye of Foreman Oliver A. Baker, George Cartier finish blasts some small parts for the new Whitin Winder

Foreman Oliver A. Baker is assisted by a supervisor, two group leaders, and an office force consisting of a parts-in-process man, a timekeeper, and a stock clerk-planner.

Oliver, a graduate of a Whitin machinist's apprenticeship, began work here in 1923. He worked on the Milling Job, the Comber Job, and was assistant foreman of the Winder Job. He was appointed foreman of Department 423 on December 10, 1954. He has received promotions from three general superintendents.

He and his wife Laura live with their children, 18-year old Anne, 15-year old Joyce, and 13-year old Richard, at 45 North Main Street, Uxbridge. Oliver's hobby is raising flowers, specializing in tulips, peonies, and dahlias.

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IT'S AN OLD IDEA BUT A GOOD ONE

Mass production, the backbone of our economy and our standard of living, is not new in America. Way back in 1798, when each army rifle had to be made laboriously by hand—each part to fit one gun and one gun only—Eli Whitney evolved an unheard-of method of speedily forging and stamping out "standard" interchangeable parts and assembling them later.

Using the Whitney "mass production" method in 1807, a New England clockmaker began manufacturing 5,000 clocks a year instead of four, and selling them for $5 instead of $25. The idea caught on, has been going strong ever since.

FRONT COVER: When Norman White, Supervisor on the Roll Job, digs up his parsnips we are sure spring is here and summer will soon follow. A little awed by the size of the parsnips are his grandsons Rodney Lee and Norman Robert. They are the sons of Donald White, Apprentice Molder in the Foundry.

Whitin Personality

ALBIN NELSON, of the Repair Department, is a consistent man. He has owned only Chevrolet automobiles since he first purchased one in 1921 and he has worked in the same department for 41 years.

Albin was born on April 2, 1885 in Southwick, Massachusetts. He attended the grade schools of that town and later graduated from Springfield Business College. His first job was with the Kibbe Candy Company, Springfield, where he was employed as a bookkeeper. In the evenings he studied shop mathematics and mechanical drawing at the Springfield Technical High School.

In March, 1912, he accepted a position as draftsman in our Engineering Department where he worked under the supervision of his brother Harmon who was the Chief Engineer. For two years he worked on tools, jigs and fixtures and then he transferred to the Repair Department where today, in addition to a variety of duties, he establishes the selling prices on repair parts. Because of his many years of seniority at Whitin and because of his encyclopedic mind he is continually relied upon for information pertaining to machines and parts which were first made many years ago. Occasionally he comes across drawings which he made back in his early days in the Engineering Department.

Albin is married to the former Mildred White who at the time of her marriage was a teacher in the Grove School, Whitinsville. They have two married daughters, Eleanor and Marcia and five grandchildren. Mr. Nelson is a past master of Granite Lodge, A.F. & A.M. and a member of the Alethia Grotto, Worcester. He is well remembered for his many years of work with local Boy Scouts.

For recreation he raises vegetables in his backyard garden on Cottage Street, Whitinsville, follows baseball, enjoys fishing and takes an active interest in the Meadow View Gun Club in which he has held the office of President since 1916. Although no longer an active hunter he particularly enjoys reminiscing about the days when he tramped the woods with his faithful dog and trusty 12 gauge Fox Sterlingworth.

y Crawford, President of the Bowling League, presents the championship team trophy to Roland Blandin, Captain of the Apprentice Team

Jack Cunningham presents individual trophies to the Apprentice Team, champions of the league: from the right, Jack Cunningham, Donald White, Roland Blandin, Richard Garabedian, Lea Ray, and Luke Lamartire

Runners-up receive the congratulations of Frank N. Stone, Personnel Director, from the right, Frank N. Stone, Henry Cant, John Cunningham, Adam Davidson; William Taylor, James Marshall, and Richard Cunningham

Apprentices Retire Championship Trophy

The bowlers with the highest individual averages are congratulated by Henry Crawford; from the left, Henry Crawford, Roland Blondin, Armand Gagnan, and Albert Destrempes

By Henry Crawford

The annual Shop Bowling League Banquet was held at the Colonial Club in Webster, on Wednesday evening, April 13, with eighty-seven bowlers and guests present. The diners had a choice of steak, lobster, turkey and ham which were thoroughly enjoyed as usual.

As in the past years, the winner of each half was unknown until practically the final matches. The same two teams rolled off for the championship as last year, namely, the Apprentices and the Repair Department. The Apprentices won and retired the trophy permanently for this was the third time they won the league championship. The clincher was put on by Rollie Blondin in the second string when he started off with five marks and had a neat 94 half. This was too much of a handicap for the Repair Department.

The outstanding bowler of the year was Rollie Blondin of the Apprentices, with an average of 108.9, and three string totals of 395 and 388, not to mention numerous other nights when he hit better than 300. Chick Gagnon, of the Planer Job, finished in second place with 101.5, and was a consistently good bowler week after week.

High team total for the year went to the Freight Office with 1580, with two men under the 300 mark. High team string was hit by the Warehouse with 572. This group incidentally was the "dark horse" team in the league and was in good position to win the second half up until the next to the last week of the season. Jim Marshall tied with Romeo Tellier for high single with 151. Jim admits to being a "young 69," and was one of the main reasons for the Repair Department winning the second half.

Awards were presented to the teams and individual winners by Frank N. Stone, Personnel Director, and Jack Cunningham, Superintendent. As usual Jack had the gang roaring with his sharp quips. The occasion wouldn't be the same without his presence.

We thank Jack for donating the trophies presented to the winning Apprentice Team.

Hoopsters and Aqua Maids Wind Up Season

By Harold Case

The St. Patrick's Atoms and the Whitin swimming team enjoyed equal success this past indoor season with neither group suffering a defeat.

ATOMS WIN BASKETBALL CROWN

The Atoms, coached by Ray Young, swept the six scheduled games in the Church League with no trouble at all, and then went on to win two straight in the play-offs with the Christian Reformed team.

It could only happen here that out of seven teams comprising the league, five ended up the regular season with a three-and-three record. The St. Patrick's Bombers, Christian Reformed, Upton, Presby-Congo and the Good Shepherd clubs were the teams all-tied-up at the end. A round-robin elimination system was agreed upon to settle which of the first four teams would play in the finals. The Christian Reformed team wound up in second place, the Presby-Congos in third and Upton in fourth. St. Peter's, the seventh team in the league, were in the cellar but with a little luck could very well have been much higher up in the standings, as they lost several games by less than four or five points.

Coach Young's Atoms were picked as the team to beat, as the team was made up of the most experienced players and their coach held a number of practice sessions with his boys which paid off. The backbone of the 1955 Church League Champions were Paul Malkasian, Dick Powers and Tom Woodcome. All three were tall enough to control the boards and there wasn't a poor shooter among them. Bob Mellor was another player with high-pockets who helped considerably around the bucket. The remainder of the squad was made up of Bumby Roche, Bud Chabot, Leo Gagnon, Brent Trottier and Charley Plante.

The Junior High League, not to be outdone by the Church League, also ended tied in the second half. Jim Leonard's Indians and Joe Jackman's Panthers each had a two-and-one record. The first half wound up with the Panthers undefeated. The League was played with a split season. By one point the season was extended three weeks. The Indians downed the Panthers 22–21 in a play-off to settle the second half, thus making a two-out-of-three series necessary between the first half winners and the second half winners. Three games were played to crown the champions. The first game was won by the Panthers, 32–29, the second by one point again for the Indians, 35–34, and the deciding game by the Panthers, 47–33.

Emblems were awarded to the winners in each league plus trophies to the Atoms and runners-up Christian Reformed in the Church League.

Undefeated in six regular games and in four play-off games, the St. Patrick's Atoms won the league championship. From the left: front row—Jimmy Mellar, Brent Trottier, Lea Gagnon, Charlie Plante, and Paul Malkasian; rear row—Coach Ray Young, John Roche, Tom Woodcome, Bob Mellar, Bud Chabot, and Dick Powers

Right: Collectively these Whitin swimmers hold more than fifteen individual swimming records. In addition, they hold the New England Senior 400 yard medley relay record and the Massachusetts State 400 yard medley relay record. Last year, while swimming in the National Age Group 15–16 years old, they set records which still stand in five relays from 160 yards up to 400 yards in both freestyle and medley events. With the exception of a National championship meet, these swimmers have never been defeated while swimming as a relay team. From the left: Lorraine Anderson, Ginny Smithers, Ann Haughton, and Marilyn Brouwer

Below: Ginny Smithers winning the New England Senior Woman's 100 yard freestyle—Time 1.01.3. This established a new New England record and a new Whitin Community pool record. Coach Harold Case watches finish of race from the diving board

LOCAL SWIMMERS ESTABLISH NEW RECORDS

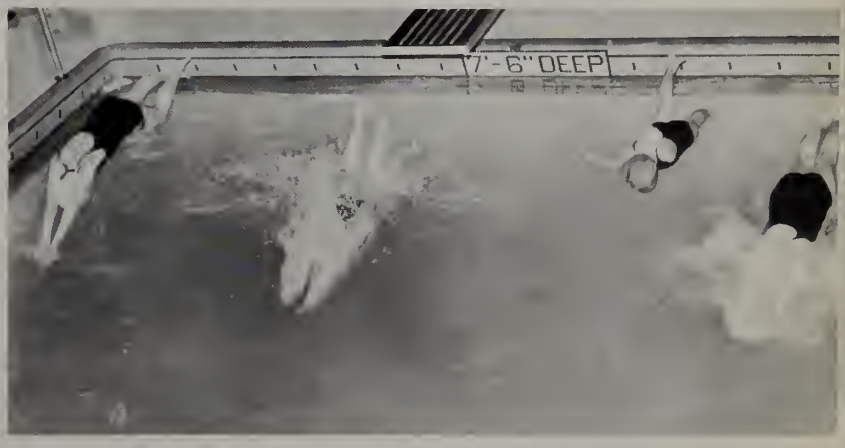
The Whitin swimmers competed in seventeen championship meets plus two dual meets with the Westfield Y.M.C.A. during the months from December to March. Records were broken in almost all of the meets, and the Seniors captured a large trophy in a meet held in Worcester as the team to score the most points. Ginny Smithers broke four New England records. The relay team of Marilyn Brouwer, Lorraine Anderson, Ann Houghton and Ginny Smithers, won all relay races during the indoor season, breaking their own record in the 400-yard medley relay by five seconds and equaling their record on the 400-yard freestyle relay.

One of the outstanding swimmers during the past year was thirteen-year old John Walker who held his own in a number of freestyle and backstroke events against prep school and collegiate swimmers. In his last meet for this season, the local youngster placed third in the New England 100-yards backstroke to gain his first championship medal.

The past season was a decided success but with the loss of Marilyn Brouwer and Ginny Smithers, who are planning to attend college this fall, a large gap will be left which will be extremely difficult to fill.

Marilyn is the only girl, currently swimming in New England who has won all of the New England Junior titles for all the various strokes. Ginny holds more records than anyone in the New England Association, with titles in freestyle-events from 100 yards up to three miles.

Left: Diane Jackman, Whitinsville, winner of the diving event for girls 13–14 years old



Above: Eleven and twelve year old girls compete in 40-yard orthodox breaststroke

This close-up shows eight male wild ducks corved in perfect detail. Whitin sportsmen should be oble to identify most of these species even without the colors

HOBBY—

The Art of Wood Carving

Al Roy, Engineering Department, has found a unique answer to mediocre television programs. Al, like many of us, spends many of his leisure hours between the months of October and March in his living room. When the programs are good, Al watches; when they are bad, he picks up his woodcarving tools.

As a result of this winter's project, Mrs. Roy will have a coffee table that it would be difficult to duplicate at any price. The table will be of mahogany with a plate glass top. The unusual feature will be the eight wild ducks, hand-carved in perfectly detailed bas-relief and oil-painted in authentic colors, shown beneath the glass.

Because of their more brilliant plumage, Al has carved only the male of each variety. The eight species shown in flight, are the baldpate, green-winged teal, blue-winged teal, red-head, ring-neck, greater scaup, lesser scaup, and mallard. When he has carved, sanded, and painted the last bird, Al will stop working with ducks. His next project will be something quite different.

While a project such as this is beyond the skill of many, there are other objects which may be carved by a beginner. Al suggests that the first pattern should be a simple repetitive pattern with straight lines which can be followed by guide strips. This method, known as "chip carving," can be used to produce coasters and other simple objects. Many pointers on wood carving can be gained from books or by consulting a wood pattern maker.

The tools used are a set of six standard carving tools, cost about six dollars, and a light, short-bladed knife of good steel. The materials used are well-seasoned woods such as pine, mahogany, walnut or whitewood. The bird plaques carved by Al are of a fine-grained wood, probably butternut, that were formerly part of bureau drawers.

The pattern may be drawn, traced, or pricked into the surface. Perspective is given both by depth of cut and the angle of the lines. Here, more care is needed than in drawing, for a pencil line can be erased, while a slip of the knife cannot. The deeper cuts are made first. The background may be cut away so the

figure stands out or, as an alternative, the original surface may be the final surface.

After the figure is shaped, and the detail work done, the wood is sanded with the finest sandpaper. The colors are applied by brush, using the standard paints used in oil painting. The unpainted portions of the wood are rubbed with wax to bring out the natural grain and texture of the wood.

The amount of self-expression permitted by wood-carving is unlimited. In addition to plaques, Al has carved small statues and caricatures. Among the obvious advantages of this creative hobby is that it is inexpensive, requires little space, is relaxing, and can be done sitting down. All of the tools and material used can be kept in a desk drawer. A bridge table with a good light makes a good working place.

If a person finds that he has an aptitude for carving the more difficult work, there are many sources for designs. Al has found books on wildlife and the *National Geographic* particularly useful.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy live with their three children at 3 Maple Street, Whitinsville.

Designs ore where you find them. This coricoture of o sleeping Mexican was inspired by an advertisement

Above: Al corves ond points full figures as well as in bos-relief. While he never saw a living penguin, his corvings ore o life-like replico

Below: Al Roy turns scrops of hordwood into works of beouty. All that is needed is a design, o good light, a steady hand, and a keen knife. Eoch of the ducks is completed by pointing it in outhentic colors with oil paints

KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

GENERAL MACHINING

by Ken Harrington

Leo Mullen was having a hard time winning a crib game, so he thought a new deck of cards might change things. It did, all right. Leo lost four games in a row. . . . We hope the boys have a pleasant day for their deep-sea fishing trip. "Skipper" Cartier has given out orders for a 5:30 departure from the docks. I wonder if Pete Babowitch will be on time? . . . The baseball season is now with us, and we hope the Red Sox fans will still stay with the Sox. This could be our year, boys.

BOLSTER JOB

by Charles Kheboian

Harold Flinton found out there is a lot of truth to that song "It's a Woman's World." It seems that Harold challenged Vee Mahoney to a three-string bowling match. Harold started out with a 105 and added scores of 93 and 91 for a total of 289—not bad. Vee also started with a 105, but she added 98 and a crashing 124 for a total of 327. As Harold said, "woe was me." Harold didn't win any prizes with his 885 in the T&G trials, but he did get a pair of bowling shoes as an attendance prize at Saropian's Alleys. . . . John Gjeltema received a cash award from John Cunningham, Erik Pierson and Jake DeJong as a suggestion award. . . . We extend our wishes for a quick return to Arthur Bruneau who has been out for quite a spell. . . . Walter Fierley, Lindsay Harding, and Wilfred Paquette were among the first to try their luck at fishing on opening day. . . . Frank Machacz's son Eddie visited Newport Navy Yard one Saturday and Frank hasn't been able to keep up with Eddie since. . . . Bob Cochrane recently took a trip to his Hog Island camp site and said that all was in readiness for his building campaign. . . . The tickets for the Bolster Job Baseball Club have come and we were fortunate enough to get tickets directly in line with first base. . . . Bill VanderSloot was asked to make his choice for the winner of the American League. Bill was very cautious when he made this answer, "I pick the Red Sox to win, if nobody else gets ahead of them." A winner every time!

GRINDER JOB

by Betty Ann Feen

Birthday greetings for the month of May are extended to Ray Basinet, Bertrand Levitre, and our Assistant Foreman, Tom Tycks. Best wishes, boys, and may you have many more. . . . Anniversary greetings for the month of May are extended to Mr. and Mrs. William LeBlanc who are celebrating their 33rd on May 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Pickering who are celebrating their 25th on May 17, and to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lachapelle who celebrated their first on May 1. We extend our best wishes to all of them and hope they will all have many more. . . . Two people in Department 426 are sporting new cars this past month. Mrs. Spencer, our timekeeper, has a '55 Nash Cross Country station wagon and Walter Solina has a '55 two-tone green Ford. Best of luck to both of them with their new cars and may they have many happy hours of motoring this summer. Mrs. Spencer will be heading for New Hampshire for outdoor camping and Walter will be doing plenty of fishing. . . . The topic of 426 is fishing but I haven't seen any of those fish yet.

Arthur Berube became a grandfather for the third time in March to a blonde-haired, 6 lb. 1 oz. baby girl. . . . Arthur Gauvin, presumably a great fisherman, takes his grandchildren fishing; they catch the fish; Arthur brings the children and fish home. Then he comes into the Shop to tell us about all the fish he caught and how good they were. Aren't grandchildren wonderful, Arthur? . . . By the time Vic Fagnant makes up his mind about the Zebco reel, the fishing season will be over. Spagg's has the best and we suggest you go there! Of course Vic, you can always go back to the stick and string method, seeing you are widely known for catching the biggest pickerel that way. . . . Our foreman, Bill (the self-crowned trout champion) Todd, is giving free lessons on how to land the big fish at 5 o'clock every night at Singletary Rod and Gun Club, Sutton.

This group of beginning Cub Scouts recently received their babcat pins. First Row: Robert Reilly, John Ciukaj, Stephen Marley, James Landry, Alan Rabitor and Alexander McGuinness. Second Row: Edward Lambert, Robert Gagnon, John Baxter, Richard Limoli and Arthur Rainville. Third Row: William Ray, Paul Manganelli, Lawrence VanBrug, John Manganelli and Michael Pantes. Presentations were made at the Blue and Gold Banquet, St. Patrick's Church, on February 14

E. KENT SWIFT, JR., ELECTED DIRECTOR

At the Annual Stockholders Meeting on March 21, E. Kent Swift, Jr., Director of the Research Division, was elected to the Whitin Machine Works Board of Directors. During his summer vacations while attending Harvard University and after his graduation in 1948, Mr. Swift received a thorough training in the manufacture of textile machinery in the plant. During World War II he served in the U.S.A.A.F. as an aerial engineer.

SPINNING SMALL PARTS

by Jake Sohigian

Jerry Levitre, who only last month hit a lusty 365 in the Swedish Men's Bowling League, found out the hard way that lightning doesn't strike in the same place twice. Just when he was riding high he lost a very close decision to his buddy, Bob Pouliot. Alibis are in order. . . . Ernie Burroughs, our floor inspector, has been transferred to the Ring Job, and it is with great sincerity that we wish him the best of luck. We will miss him on Department 429, what with his witty remarks and casual smile. . . . Carl Wood, better known as "Woodie" to everyone on the job, faced a major operation at a Worcester hospital and came through with flying colors. We on the job hope that it won't be too long before Woodie will be back with us again. . . . Don Simmons has left us to take up employment at General Motors in Framingham. We're going to miss Don, but wish him luck at his new job. . . . New faces this month include George Poulin and William Mateer. Welcome to our working crew. May their stay with us be a merry one. . . . Vacation is just around the corner. Don't forget those snapshots and interesting bits of news. All pictures, all bits of information, no matter how small or how big, for that is what this column thrives on. . . . How is the baseball race looking so far? Is it living up to your expectations? . . . Ray Bassett's regular driver has moved to a new locality so Ray has to ride to work in his own car. Ray, with his Ford Victoria, really moves in and out of the parking lot with the greatest of ease.

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

by Marcel E. Turgeon

We gladly welcome back Helen Conway who has been absent from the department due to lack of work. We also welcome Louise Kieronski, and Francis Hurst, Jr. who has joined the night crew. . . . Congratulations are in order for John F. Wasiuk, Fred Demars and Raymond Prince who received their 15-year pins. . . . It is nice to have Alton T. White with us again. Alton has been hospitalized for a few weeks but is now back in the groove once more . . . What happened? The Freight House bowling team, after being ahead all the second half, ended up in second place! Wait until next year. . . . Congratulations to Beatrice Carpenter who qualified to bowl in the T&G Bowling Tournament. . . . New cars in our department are John F. Wasiuk's Pontiac, Thurston Brown's Buick Special, Wilfred Vallee's Buick Riviera, Harold Libby's new Plymouth Belvedere and Harold Baszner's acquisition of a 1949 Buick. . . . Fred Demars is holding art classes at the gym every Thursday evening. Anyone interested in taking the course only has to contact Mike Marker or Miss Plante at the gym and they will gladly give all the information necessary. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gauthier took the advice of some one who saw Cinerama and drove to Boston to witness same. They enjoyed it. . . . Mr. John F. Wasiuk attended a packer's exhibition in Chicago. . . . Celebrating anniversaries this month: Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Turgeon, their seventh on April 17; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Departie; Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Sheehan, their eighth on April 19; Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Brown, their eleventh on April 23 in New York. . . . The golfing season cannot be far away, for the boys are getting ready by polishing their clubs while anxiously awaiting for the daylight saving time so they can go and tee off early. . . . Softball is also in the air and the Freight House team is practicing for the opening game. . . . During the lunch hour we see Leo Gauthier solving algebra problems while doing his homework. Leo attends Woonsocket High in the evenings. . . . Several of the office girls drove to Marconi's for a spaghetti supper. . . . Did you know that we had an interior decorator in our midst? Michael Mountain has been doing quite a bit of it in his home. Keep it up, "Mike." . . . Quite a bit of excitement at the Arthur Malo barn when a calf was born. . . . Spaulding Aldrich has terminated his duties with this department.

SHEET METAL, PAINT AND CREEL JOBS

by Dorsey Devlin

Personnel changes on the Sheet Metal Department find three more men being transferred to the Night Shift. John DeBoer and John Kapolka join the night owls with group leader Alan "Pete" Paddock in charge. . . . Gene Picard, Eddie Horan, Bobby Campo and Jim Fisher had the first chance to crow over the opening game between the Red Sox and Yanks, but this reporter serves notice that, come October, the tune that they will sing will have a black mood attached to it. . . . Henry Kelley has joined the growing throng of golf bugs. . . . Ross Rajotte has been appointed Registration Officer of the State Convention of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. . . . Henry Laviemodiere has returned to work on the Paint Job. . . . Norman Spratt, former planner at 417, is now stationed on the Paint Job. . . . Jerry Forget, timekeeper for these departments, is now planning to build a new home. . . . George Braman is the only fellow we know who goes clam digging all year round.

Best wishes from all of us for the speedy recovery of Eddie Horan's mother who at this moment is in St. Vincent Hospital.

TIN CYLINDERS

by Wilbur Baird

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Farrar and Mr. and Mrs. John Farrar of Hopedale motored to Washington, D. C. to visit friends and relatives. While there they enjoyed the beauty of the cherry blossoms. . . . Earl Martinson, supervisor of Crib No. 23, has been called for jury duty. Cecil Small has taken over his job while Earl is away. . . . The welcome mat is out for Roland Guertin, who has returned to Department 450 after almost a year and a half's absence. . . . We also welcome three newcomers: Frank Gandolfi of Milford, Paul Zemianek of East Douglas, and Ernest Riedle of North Uxbridge. Paul and Ernest are on the inspection staff. . . . Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Mrs. Anthony Campo, Jr. who recently was accidently scalded with boiling water in her home. . . . Belated birthday greetings for April go to Paul Zemianek, Edward Jones and Al Cupka. . . . On week ends, and every day, let's drive slow and with care. As Eddie Cantor says "Drive slowly, we love our children." . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Malkasian who observed their 15th wedding anniversary on April 13.

MYSTERY PHOTO—The straw-hatted youth on the left is Chet Greenwood of Department 448. The smiling youth on the right is active in fraternal organizations. The picture was taken forty-two years ago

Alfonso Chattman, Foundry personality, is a native of South Carolina who studied for the ministry

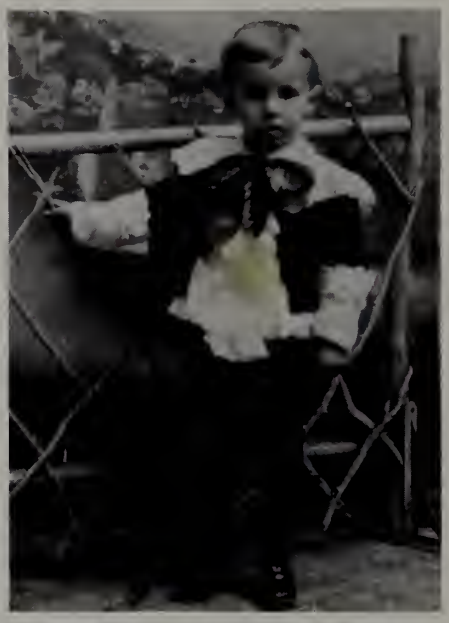
FOUNDRY

by Joe Guidi

Our personality of the month is Alfonso Chattman, known to all his foundry friends as "Slim." Al was born in Chappells, South Carolina on June 20, 1924. He was educated in the Chappells, S. C. schools and also completed a five-year course in theocratic ministry training. Prior to entering the Whitin Machine Works, he was employed at the Saluda River Wood Products Company, Chappells, South Carolina but for the last seven and one-half years has been working here in the Foundry.

Al married the former Bessie Allen of Silver Street, Newberry, South Carolina in December of 1946. They are now residing at 274 River Street, Woonsocket, R. I. They are the parents of one son, Timothy, 3 years old. I am told they are expecting the stork again some time in May. Al served three years in the Army during World War II. Most of this time was spent in Italy where Al learned to speak the language quite fluently. "What are my hobbies?" said Al when asked, "I love to read and type."

Recently, Ray Drainville, Al Marchant, Al Lambert and Woody Levesque tried to break the sound barrier but were quickly cooled down. Maybe now they'll believe it'll have to be done by plane or rocket, and not by automobile on Linwood Avenue. . . . Now that softball season is around the corner, teams are already being organized. Unfortunately the Foundry will not have a team this year, but the enthusiasm still reigns high in our department. We have four men who have agreed to play with Department 500. They are Ray Drainville, Gus Forcier, Gerry Brouillette and Richy Chester. . . . On Sunday, March 20, 1955, 11:00 a.m., a fire destroyed a building on Sayles Street, Woonsocket, R. I. Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Scurry and their four children were unaware of the fire, caused by a short circuit, raging in the attic until the ceiling collapsed. Everything that they owned was destroyed or damaged beyond repair. The only things that they saved were the clothes they were wearing. Besides M. L.'s family, four other families had to leave the building which is a total loss. We are happy to say that no injuries were reported. A collection to lighten the burden was made in the Foundry and presented to M. L. in behalf of all of his Foundry friends. For this generous gift M. L. gives his sincere thanks. . . . Now that the fishing season is open, all of you anglers should have some good stories. Pass them in. Although some of the stories may not be believed, they'll make good reading. . . . Talk about modernization in the Foundry! Rumor has it that a man has been seen daily before working hours in the Foundry shaving with a Sunbeam Electric Razor. There's nothing like a good shave to refresh a man.



FOUNDRY MYSTERY PHOTO—No clues are given with this picture taken many years ago, for if you work in the Foundry you must know this lad

COMBER JOB

by Terry Merolli

Freddie Chaffee was up at Riley's bright and early on the opening day and caught a 13" trout. Guess the big one got away! . . . I am happy to report that your reporter is learning to drive—so hold the telephone poles—Here I come! Let's hope that my poor husband doesn't develop an ulcer in the process. He's my teacher! After our last drive he said, "Well Terry, one thing is certain, you never do the same thing twice." Woe is me.

Birthday wishes for the month go to George Audio, Joe Majeau, Archie Fournier, Bill Blanchette and Leo Joanis. Happy anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Rene Provost. . . . We were sorry to hear that our former planner, Lou Cassista, is sick and in the hospital. Best wishes for his speedy recovery. . . . Mr. Blouin is happy to report that the carpenters have begun work on his new home down on Linwood Avenue. . . . Norman Stanley claims that the best lobsters come from Maine. We just have to agree with him since he brought us in one the other day. Thanks, Norm, we certainly did enjoy it. It seems his brother dropped down for a visit with fourteen of them. Incidentally, Mrs. Stanley also makes delicious chocolate cake! . . . Welcome back to Bob Roy, John Cunningham and Bob Brown over at 445.

SPINDLE JOB

by Albert Cencak and Edward Bates

Welcome to the new members of the Spindle Job: Joseph Cadrin, Raymond Giguere, Elvira Jacques and Roland Lachapelle. . . . Anyone interested in deep-sea fishing parties should see Leon "Ike Walton" Fletcher. Leon can tell you where and how to fish, what equipment to use, and where to get boats for hire—Leon is noted for his sportsmanship. He is connected in some way with nearly every sportsman's club around. . . . Mrs. Al Kershaw recently returned from a vacation in California. . . . Congratulations to Harry Galloway on his twins—goats that is.

The fire-ball machine really lived up to its name. Joe Gulino was operating the machine when a hot chip landed on the hose connected to the gas cylinders. The hose caught fire. Jacob Wassenar, one of the supervisors standing near by, quickly quenched the blaze with a fire extinguisher. . . . Eva Barnes has a pet parakeet that really knows both the "Kings English" and also slang. Eva's problem now is how do you punish a parakeet for using "soap and water" words? . . . Dave Cooper celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary on March 29. . . . Did you ever hear

Victor Gervais, 439's personality of the month, enjoys hunting, fishing, and making bird houses

about the little toy dog Willy Hippert purchased from a sidewalk salesman? It seems that the dog Willy bought did a lot of barking on the sidewalk, but when Willy got it home, it wouldn't make a sound. Willy has a sneaking suspicion that the man who sold him the dog was a ventriloquist.

Personality of the Month: Victor Gervais started work for Whitins on May 30, 1942. Vic was born in Uxbridge on March 4, 1923 and attended the Good Shepherd School in Linwood. Victor married the former Beatrice Beaucage on August 11, 1945. They now live in their own home on the West River Road in Uxbridge. For hobbies, Victor likes hunting, fishing and bird house building.

WOOD PATTERNS

by Vera Taylor

Personality of the Month: Maria Donatelli was born June 16, 1903 in Pescarie, Italy. She spent her early years there, was married to a contractor, had her own home, and had three children: Justina Vasile, Adrian and Tony. The family migrated to America in 1934 and settled in North Uxbridge, where Maria still lives with her son Tony who is attending Boston University. Her husband died in 1942 and her other two children have married since. Maria became a citizen in 1944. In 1946 she began working in Whitin Machine Works in the old mill for Louis Hanson. She was eventually laid off in 1953 due to lack of work and was rehired in October 1953 as a painter on Department 401. She is the proud grandmother of two girls and a boy: Linda Vasile, Jimmy and Marion Donatelli. Marion is the latest addition, having been born only a few weeks ago, March 30, 1955. Maria's hobbies are sewing, embroidering, crocheting, and baby sitting for her three grandchildren.

Al Sutcliffe lost two of his three hives of bees this winter. Better luck next time, Al. . . . Ralph Houghton's new eyeglasses are a big improvement. He looks through them now, not over them. You should see how clean he keeps them, too. . . . Johnny Dominick and his future bride have found and furnished an apartment in Woonsocket. It's getting more final all the time, Johnny. This is the last mile. . . . Maria Donatelli isn't the only one to have added a grandchild in the past month. Francis Joslin's son Francis and his daughter-in-law have presented him with his tenth grandchild, another grandson, Dennis. . . . Birthdays in May include: Ralph Houghton, James Ferguson, and Francis Joslin. Many happy returns, boys. . . . Celebrating wedding anniversaries are Mr. and Mrs. George Gauthier, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kroll, and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Bartlett. Congratulations all and may you have many more happy years together. . . . We hope that all the measles, tonsillitis, tonsillectomies, viruses, and colds and the like have gone their merry way. Margaret Devlin spent a week out sick. Glad to see you back, Peg. . . . Wilfred Whitney spent another few days in the hospital. We hope he's back to work by the time this SPINDLE is published.

Mario Donotelli, Wood Pattern Shop Personolity, with her brother-in-low ond son

Private Gerord T. Dionne, whose fother, Louis Dionne, works in Department 437, is stotioned ot Redstone Arsenol, Huntsville, Alabama

SPINNING, CARD ERECTING AND POLISHING

by Francis Horan

Louie Whitten of Department 433 received his 20-year pin recently from Mr. Cunningham. Louie started on the Spinning Floor September 9, 1933, and except for two years that he worked on magnetos during the war all his time has been spent there. He lives at 5 Grove Street with Mrs. Whitten. His children, all boys, are Louville, Orrin and Malcolm. Louie likes to watch television and spends whatever extra time he has doing cabinet work in a little shop he has set up in his cellar. . . . Bill Rutana has joined that select group of gas-less car drivers. . . . Philip Holmes, one of our inspectors, is back to work after a week's illness. . . . Alec Wilson, although out of the hospital at this writing, has not resumed working but expects to start soon. . . . Ten years driving over the same road back and forth to his summer camp, and still Arthur Taylor got lost the other evening after taking Howard Heald out to see the camp. . . . "Rebel" Mills declared that no one should work on April 26 which was Confederacy Day. He neglected to note that the following day was General U. S. Grant's birthday.

CARD FLOOR MYSTERY PHOTO—the years have been many, the years have been long since this handsome sergeant major was pictured in 1908

The boys of Department 429 claim that the only reason "Jake" Sohigian was so anxious for the softball season to start was because he looked forward to getting a new cap and jersey. The ones he had were showing signs of wear. They also accuse Jake of wearing woman's clothing on Ladies' Day at Fenway Park.

Mr. George Nichols of Department 433 and Mrs. Nichols celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary April 5 with a family gathering at their house in Upton, Mass. They have three children, June, Phyllis and Erwin. . . . Others celebrating wedding anniversaries were Jacob Haringa, Frank Rondeau, Albert Bowyer, Arthur Prince, William Demague and Germain Desrosiers. . . . Birthdays were observed by John Fleszar, Frank Rondeau, Francis Coffey, Robert Roy and Ben Scott.

NICKEL PLATING AND PARKERIZING

by Edmond Leduc

We welcome back Robert Stewart who recently was out ill. . . . Clayton Thurber is no longer master of his home. He was recently given a little puppy by some friends and the little pup has completely taken over the whole household.

A new shining and glittering star arose through the heavens on the night of April

11, when like the golden voice of Enrico Caruso, our own Harry Crocket sang with great tenderness and feeling in a minstrel show for the Grange in East Douglas. From all reports, we hear that Harry was truly the star, not only for his glorious voice, but also for his bright-colored shirt which consisted of all the colors in the rainbow and his fiery red flannels. In the near future we of Department 431 hope that Harry will join the Whitin Male Glee Club so that more of his friends can see and hear him perform.

Personality of the Month: Oscar Asadoorian was born in Whitinsville February 25, 1915. He was educated in the Northbridge public schools. From graduation until he entered the service, Oscar worked in the Nickel Plating Room. On May 19, 1942, he was inducted in the Army at Fort Devens. Upon completion of his basic training, he was attached to the Signal Corps, serving in Africa and Italy. Oscar holds five battle stars and his battalion holds a citation from the late President Roosevelt for extraordinary work in communications for the 5th Army. His tour of service ended at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, October 20, 1945. He returned home, was soon married to the former Margaret Mercandino of Woonsocket, and now resides at 4 Grand Street, Woonsocket. Oscar's hobbies are baseball (a rabid Yankee fan) and doing odds-and-ends around the house. He presently is busy helping his father build a new home in Whitinsville. He is also a member of the V.F.W. Today Oscar is again working in the Nickel Plating Room and has 22 years of continuous service in the Shop.

TOOL JOB

by George Jones

Congratulations to Alfred Morin, repair man, on his appointment as a special officer in Northbridge. Joe Bartlett, repair man, reports that Al wears his uniform all day Saturday and Sunday and sits beside the telephone waiting for an assignment. . . . Walter Richardson of the night shift would like to trade his seven-months-old pedigreed boxer dog for a half-decent rowboat. . . . Department 454 has a team entered in the W.M.W. Softball League after a year's lay-off. After looking over the roster, the question is not how many games will they win, but how many games will they last? . . . Edmond Dumais, a grinder hand on the Tool Job for many years, has retired.

April scenes: Charlie Garabedian and Freddy Tredeau are practicing their dance routines, hoping they will be called upon to dance at the Tool Job Banquet. Art Barsey is loosening up the throwing arm. Eugene Lussier wins all the prizes at the Whist Parties. Fred Crockett has two beautiful "shiners" received when a cow butted him with her head. Charlotte and Armand Duvernay and their daughter Crystal tested the water at Webster Lake while preparing to get their boat out. Horace Basset and Dick Bosma headed for Riley Pond. Earl King, cutter grinder, is driving truck for DeVries Contractors in his spare time. Roy Lermond was seen in the gym practicing for the Table Tennis Tournament. Harvey Departie was seen eating a spaghetti and meat ball dinner at Phil Skillens, his brother-in-law. Arthur Belval is all smiles because his son recently came home after spending eighteen months in Tripoli. Hollis Booth of Blackstone actually planted potatoes on April 2. Joe Dymek took moving pictures on Easter Sunday using the new St. Vincent's Hospital as a background.

FOUNDRY PRODUCTION CONTROL OFFICE

by Earl Briggs

Perhaps we've been in hibernation for the past two months but with the coming of Spring, we have fully recovered and have come back to life. . . . First of all, our heartiest welcome to Germaine Mayberry who recently joined our staff. Germaine comes from Bellingham and her husband, Bill, is a planner at Department 411. . . . In the Spring a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love, etc.—right! We won't mention names, but we do have signs of it out here. . . . Parakeets are fast becoming a hobby. Gerry Turner recently purchased one for his daughter Jeanne, and we think Gerry enjoys it as much as his daughter does. Yours truly is still boasting about having the first one in the office that talks, although it does get a little tiresome hearing "Hello, Dick" and "Come on" day in and day out. . . . Red Vincent knows there's a culprit in the house and would like to know who spent 25 cents on an April Fool's Day card for him. He wants to know why they didn't just buy him a package of cigarettes instead. . . . The Dr. Salk report on polio vaccine caused quite an exciting event in history, but we are told that when R. Vincent turns in a report about a Wage Standards member, the uproar will hit sky level. . . . "Broadie" recently purchased a Nash Rambler Station Wagon and was amazed when he drove up to the gas station very proudly and said, "fill'er up." It took 20 gallons. Don't worry, "Broadie," you won't have to buy gas for at least a month.

CORE ROOM

by John Kurowski

Four of our boys have been transferred to other departments due to lack of work. Good luck to Edmond Lemoine, John Lambert, Joseph Boucher and Normand Gendron. . . . Vaughn Harding treated the boys to a quart of ice cream. However, they had to use trowels, sticks and jackknives to cat with. When they had finished, Vaughn found the spoons in the bottom of the bag. . . . Hope all you fishermen saw Vaughn's ad in the paper. His boat house is open and ready for business. New boats and canoes have been added this year. Free coffee and doughnuts were served opening day. . . . Dan Lajoie had an experience the other night. He came home from Worcester and found that he had left his keys in his pal's car. After trying frantically to awaken his wife without success, Dan made a return trip to Worcester for his keys. Finally got in at 1:30 a.m. and had to explain to his wife the reason for the late hour. . . . Our Red Sox and Yankee feud is on. We took the first one in easy fashion and expect to trim the Yanks all year long. . . . Louis Bilodeau had a busy month. He got a hurry call from work one morning. When he got back at 1 o'clock he was all smiles. One of his cows had a calf. Three days later the other cow did the same. "Bien" Louie now has five head of cattle on his small ranch. No shortage of beef this fall, he says.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

by Bill Scanlon

Once again Frank Turner is plowing the gardens. He has been doing this job since 1944. He calls his tractor Esmeralda. He knows the location of every large stone in the gardens. . . . Clarence Roy is thinking about stocking the brook with trout as it will be a good place for his children to fish in. Clarence, as you know, is one of the lucky hunters who can get quite a little game on his own estate. . . . The boys of the Garage had a pleasant surprise recently. Lo and behold, in walked Pat Konvent who was on a 14-day leave of absence from the Brockton Naval Hospital. Pat looks fine and says he is enjoying the rest. . . . Francis Ward, Tony Furno, and John Rogers are noted as the hot-pepper trio. Now that the warm weather is here, they are going in for hot mixed pickles. . . . Anthony Campo and Ralph Roberts are getting ready with the horseshoes. For them it is quite a pastime and you can see them any night after five o'clock practicing for their coming matches. . . . Harold Buxton is a great lover of wild flowers. Through the spring and summer you will often see him picking Mayflowers, swamp pinks and other wild flowers. . . . Charlie Commons went swimming early this year. On the opening day of fishing at Riley's Pond he slipped and fell into the icy water. His hat was the only piece of clothing that didn't get wet. Undaunted, Charlie carried on and caught his limit of five trout.

GEAR JOB

by Roland Dion

Congratulations to Ed Reith on receiving his 10-year pin. . . . Everyone got a good laugh when Eli Mooradian came to work with his house slippers on. . . . It's just too bad we couldn't all have been at Francis Jackson's house when he put pepsi-cola on his hamburger instead of catsup. Jack says he likes his hamburgers a little soggy anyway. . . . Well folks, vacation time will soon be here. If you should take some snapshots while away from home, please bring them in and let everyone enjoy them through the SPINDLE.

CHUCK JOB AND AUTOMATICS

by Joseph S. O. Chabot

Personality of the Month: Cornelius VanBrug, supervisor of the whorl section of Department 418, was born in Heeg, Holland, on January 21, 1896. He attended the major schools of the town, started to work in a butter and cheese factory, and later on was the engineer of the plant. He was also chauffeur for a wealthy cheese and butter manufacturer. Being dissatisfied with this, he entered the business of repairing bicycles. In Holland, his native land, practically all persons ride a bicycle. He still was not satisfied, had a yearning to emigrate to the United States, and forthwith made an application for a permit to emigrate, which was granted in 1923.

His destination was Whitinsville where he was acquainted with persons formerly from Holland. His first job was with the Whitin Machine Works on the Spindle Job under Mr. Bert Sweet. His ability as a good mechanic was recognized and he was made supervisor, a job he has held up to this date. He served under Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Dalton, and Mr. Fournier.

He has to his credit 33 years of consecutive service with the Shop. "Corn" as he is called by his many friends, is married and has three daughters, a son and eleven grandchildren. "Corn" is an ardent baseball and basketball fan.

Department 418 extends to Joseph Grigson their best wishes for the speedy recovery of his wife who underwent a surgical operation at St. Vincent Hospital. . . . Henry Koliss is counting every day now. Henry, accompanied by his wife, is touring Europe sometime this summer. Their destination is Austria, where they will visit their daughter. They also plan to visit certain parts of Holland.

METAL PATTERNS

by Bill Prior

We welcome two new men to our department. Roland Wilson is an apprentice training for pattern making. Robert Larochelle is a transfer from the Tool Job. He is working on our second shift. . . . Baseball season is under way. From my listening post, it's a different feeling than in years gone by. The only sure opinion that's expressed is that of Joe Prior for his Yankees. He is oozing with confidence. As for the Red Sox fans, they have no comments.

For the first time in many months I can report that sickness is not a main factor up here. It seems every month that has been my chief news item. Keep well, fellows. . . . Andy Frieswick and Bob Caston have taken over the fishing for the department. They say Bob has his freezer filled with fish. . . . I hope they continue to motorize our job.

Cornelius VonBrug, 418's personality of the month, drove this car when he was a chauffeur for a butter and cheese manufacturer in Holland

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

by Thomas Frieswyk

Edmund "Red" Bartlett proved a handy man around the house recently when he attempted to vacuum-clean the kitchen stove. He was doing a fine job until he discovered, much to his amazement, that his 3-year old daughter and everything else in the kitchen had suddenly turned black. "Red" had forgotten to insert the dust bag in the vacuum cleaner. Oh well, spring cleaning came a little early this year! . . . Thomas Mateer and George Gigarjian, our golfing pros, started the season off early this year. We hope they were well equipped with hip boots. . . . Have you ever completed a job with a great deal of satisfaction, only to discover that something had gone wrong? Then you know how Herbert DeFosse felt when he went to remove his 6-foot ladder and discovered that he had run a length of pipe through the top rungs. Since then we've noticed he has been using a 3-foot stepladder.

Our personality for this month is John Wright. John was born in England and came to the United States at the age of seven. He attended the local schools, Worcester Boys Trade High School, and the Massachusetts Radio and Telegraph School. He was one of the first electrical apprentices to receive his diploma from the Whitin Machine Works in 1922. After receiving his diploma, John took a trip through the middle west. On his return he worked on the construction of the Whitinsville Golf Course, where he was appointed foreman. After completing this course, John was called to Burlington, Vermont, where he helped build an 18-hole course and was promoted to Assistant En-

Cub Scout lion awards were recently received by First Row: Robert Poulin, J. R. Conlee, Lee Belanger, Roger Houle, and Roger Whittlesey. Second Row: Steven Belanger, Joseph DeLuca and Stanley Boule. Third Row: James Cauillard, Kenneth Tatro, Kenneth Gallick and Francis Berkowicz. The awards were received at the Blue and Gold Banquet, St. Patrick's Church, on February 14

gineer. He also worked on golf courses in Pinehurst, North Carolina, and Georgia.

John has now been with the Whitin Machine Works for twenty-eight years. He is married and has four children and two grandchildren. His hobbies are early Sunday morning drives and watching television. He was a member of our local fire department for twenty years, and he is still connected with the local forest fire department.

James Daubney is our hobbyist for the month. Jim's hobby is boating. He has a 32-foot cabin cruiser which he anchors at Pawtuxet Boat Yard. He cruises around Narragansett Bay and visits the various islands, such as Prudence, Rose, Dutch, and Block Island. He sometimes takes out fishing parties and knows quite a few good fishing spots.

For the next few weeks all of Jim's leisure time will be spent in making repairs and caulking the boat. This year he intends to use fibreglas on the bottom. After this fibreglas resin is applied, the boat will not have to be caulked or painted again for 10 or 15 years. Even a hammer blow will not mark this resin after it has dried. Jim's boat is an old-timer, but even "Carol" and "Edna" left it relatively undamaged, although several newer boats anchored near his were smashed or sunk. Jim says that, although it takes a lot of hard work to keep the boat in good condition, he enjoys every minute of it. So from now until late fall, it's "Captain Jim" and ship ahoy!

Congratulations to William Dion. After trying for two years to find water at his new home in Webster, he finally gave up and hired an artesian well-digger. It dug down 60 feet in 2½ hours and struck water. That meant more to Bill than an oil well means to a Texan. Any samples of that good clear cold water? . . . Congratulations to Michael Pristawa who received his 15-year pin on April 20.

STEEL FABRICATION AND CUT OFF JOBS

by Maurice P. Valois

Department 410 holds the spotlight as far as personality for the month is concerned, and this month we salute, or rather introduce you to Edward H. Vadenais, Jr. Ed, as everyone calls him, was born in Milford, Mass., on August 17, 1933. His parents are now living in Manchaug and Edward, Sr., works on Department 408. Ed has been with WMW almost seven years. He and Mrs. Vadenais, the former Muriel C. Belhumeur of Woonsocket, R. I, were married on November 14, 1953, and now reside at 102 Seventh Avenue in Woonsocket. Ed's hobby is driving motorcycles, and he has developed all kinds of risky stunts for special meets, known as Rodeos, which the cyclists put on. Ed's ambition is to build his own home in the future. He has the distinction of being the youngest employee in Department 410.

Welcome to our new welder on 432: Paul Grenier, Sr., of North Grosvenordale, Conn. . . . Seen every day after dinner, at the Blue Eagle Inn, are Aarne Nelson and Lorenzo Boulanger of 410, playing a hot game of gin rummy. . . . Pat DeBellis is doing a good job as Supervisor on 432. . . . Birthday hellos to John Bartlenski, Herman Hathaway, Henry Melanson, Mike Yozura and George Vacher. . . . I must tell you about our good friend Thomas M. Pottie of 432. Tom is better known as "Tonto" because of the many genuine Indian dances he puts on at special gatherings and Boy Scout jamborees. He has been on 432 for some months now, and has made friends with everyone. His particular hobby is fishing, and he knows some tall tales—ask him sometime. . . . Gloria LaRoche is now on leave of absence, awaiting Mr. Stork sometime next month. She was presented a check by Miss June Boisvert and Mrs. Irene Mombourquette on behalf of her

Edward H. Vodenais, Jr., 410's personality of the month, is shown with Mrs. Vadenais, the former Muriel C. Belhumeur of Woonsocket, Rhode Island

many friends on 410–432. . . . Soon to appear, we hope, in the Hobby feature page of the SPINDLE, is Gaston Menard of 432, whose hobby is making wrought iron furniture, fences, tables and everything else made of the material. His results are really amazing. Many have placed orders with Gus for various items. His workshop is located at 333 Robinson Street, Woonsocket. Drop in and see the fabulous collection of wrought iron items on display. . . . Wilfred "Money-Bags" Miclette of 410 is driving a new De Soto. Rumors are he is related to Mr. Dario of Lincoln Downs. . . . Henry Deslauriers of 432 is taking singing lessons to prepare himself for a Godfrey talent show (a lot of openings on Arthur's program lately). He is probably good material for the Whitin Male Glee Club, who by the way are seeking new members. You don't have to be a Caruso or a Como, nor have to read music—all the Glee Club needs is YOUR voice. Test your vocal cords next time you're in the shower, and if the household pet remains sane, brother, you've got the voice for the Glee Club. Sign up today! . . . "At last, the boy friend came home" so said June Boisvert of 410 and she is speaking of none other than A/2 Norman Belval, stationed at Dobbins Air Base in Georgia—Yo'all had a fine time honey?? . . . Fashion notes—seen leaving Church Services on Easter Morn were Gerry Lemire of 410 and family, sporting their finest, and a grand picture they made. . . . Regards to all from Simon Bosma and Bill Brown. . . . May I at this time extend to you a sincere thanks on behalf of my wife Rita for all the nice get-well cards and the flowers while at the new Mercy Hospital in Woonsocket—thanks again, and see you next month.

ROLL JOB

by Lew Lyman

Bowling season is over, and our boys have turned in another creditable performance. They finished up in eleventh place, had a lot of fun, and I'm sure they all enjoyed the banquet at the Colonial Club. . . . It is nice to see Parmela Bilodeau back on the job after her extended illness. . . . Several new faces have been added to the department since our last report. We welcome Robert Burnett, Wilfred Proulx, Normand Gendron, Edmond Lemoine, Joseph Boucher, Leonard Contois, Joseph Langlois and Adelard Theroux.

If you want to see something really sharp, take a look at John Onanian's new Dodge. Chet Flinton is sporting a new Packard which I haven't seen as yet, but those who have say it's quite a car. . . . The bowling team must have really paid off this year. . . . Those who will celebrate birthdays during the month of May are: Sipka Oppewall, Victor Courteau, Stanley Rutanna, Frank Rutanna, John Stavinski, Albert Guertin and Blanche Houghton. . . . What lady, an inspector, likes to toast teabags while waiting for the water to boil?

METHODS

by Jean Cunningham

We welcome to the department Hope Brown of Uxbridge, Bridget Wawrzkiewicz who came to us from Production, and Harry Bedigian who was formerly a supervisor at 428. . . . I am glad to report that Irene Barnett is back to work and feeling fine. Irene has had a long, tough pull which took a lot of courage. . . . Bill Neulieb is on the sick list but we expect him back soon. . . . Everyone can now sit back and relax again until next year rolls around. Taxes are taken care of and none of us have a worry in the world, I hope. . . . If Charlie Mateer is acting like a grandfather lately, don't be surprised. Charlie's daughter, Elinor, is home to stay with him and has brought her two children with her. Her husband, Capt. McGilpin, is stationed in Greenland at Thule Air Base and will be away for a year.

Let me warn everyone about putting pans on the stove with the handle of the pan toward you. Especially if there is boiling water in the pan. I accidentally

tipped a pan such as that over about a month ago, and the burns I received are just about healed now. Remember, turn the handle of the pans away from you.

We light the candles on the cake and sing happy birthday to Harley Buma, Frank DeHaas, Lewis Kenney, Hjalmar Larson, G. Frank Martin, Earl Mason, Ruth O'Day and Rose Shugrue.

PAYROLL COMPUTATION, TABULATING, BUDGETS, STATEMENTS AND TIMEKEEPING

by Bob English

One does not need a geiger counter to spot the attractive bronze Indian-head book ends adorning the desks in the Statements Department. These objects serve a double purpose—the volumes of books are kept intact, naturally, but it is the opinion they are more of a collector's item. . . . Calling all back-yard gardeners!! Fred Garcelon is in the roto-tilling business. . . . Irene Marteka and Frank Widor have taken a two-week course learning to wire I.B.M. tabulators. . . . Annie Plantinga and Helen Duggan have been nursing their mothers back to good health. We are happy to report that both Mrs. Plantinga and Mrs. Duggan are mending rapidly. . . . We welcome Roberta Richardson of Uxbridge and Jean Buczynski of Providence Road, to the Tabulating Department, where they will be key-punch operators. . . . Anita Belanger, key-punch operator, is on leave of absence. . . . Howard Cook has been elected president of the Worcester Chapter of the National Machine Accountants Association. His term will run through July 1956. Others in attendance at that meeting were Henry Bailey, Ernie Chase, Frank Widor and Harry Segal. . . . Bill Hall and Ted Froh are the Izaak Waltons in our departments. At 7:00 a.m. on April 9, both boys were among the first to wet their lines at Riley's Pond. Ted had his five-fish limit within an hour-and-a-half, and received a safety razor. As for Bill, he also got his quota.

We welcome the following to the Timekeeping Division: Mattie Zywein at 416; Avery Cook, 420, night shift; Bob DiSalvo, 448; and Betty Ranslow, formerly of 449, now located in 414. Peg Mills, 448, and Barbara Siepietowski, 414, are on leaves of absence.

The Wishing Well elected the following slate of officers for 1955: President, Shirley Hinchliffe; Vice President, Virginia Wood; Secretary, James L. Burke; Treasurer, Isabel Kasparian; Auditor, John Parker Shaw. The following committees were appointed by the President: Gift Committee: John Parker Shaw, Caroline Salatiello, Phyllis McQuilkin. Entertainment Committee: Ted Froh, Pauline Reynolds, Evelyn Mazirka, Cathy Reeves, Bob English. Nominating Committee: James L. Burke, Edith Allen, Vicky Roy.

Personality of the Month: Phyllis McQuilkin, who works out of the Budgets Department, is noted for her quick-wit, even disposition and ability to get along with people. "I was born in Whitinsville, October 16, 1930," she volunteered. "Yuh, put it down!!" she added. Normally we fear to tread on this subject but this is typical of Phil, who calls a spade anything but a garden implement. You will find she is smartly dressed, adds zest to any party, and has a host of friends. One week after graduating from Grafton High School, Class of '48, Phil became an employee of W.M.W., and has been with us ever since. She makes her home with her two aunts on Orchard Street, Fisherville. Phil has a sister, Shirley (Mrs. Walter Kennedy) and a nephew, Michael, whom she adores. She lists dancing as her hobby. Phil gets a great deal of comfort from "George," her '50 Chevy, that gets her to work each day.

Ted Froh, the Izaak Walton of Budgets, caught five fine trout on opening day

The following comment by the music critic of the *Providence Journal*, was made with reference to the Whitin Male Glee Club, which was featured in two numbers at the Rhode Island Festival of Music on March 13—"well done." The Southbridge concert on March 23 was also warmly received. It is expected that the next local concert will be in the Fall.

Members of the Whitin Home Garden Club received vegetable seed and flower seed with the compliments of the Worcester Federal Savings and Loan Association—a mighty fine gesture.

I knew our Red Sox would some day be leading the American League—even after opening day. I hope I'm wrong on the following, but it looks like the Yanks, Indians, White Sox and Red Sox, in that order. As for the National League, I would say, the Giants, Braves, Brooklyn and the Phillies.

This is no bull, there are no birthdays to report under Taurus. Have you heard about the perfume company that went bankrupt and settled for 30 scents on the dollar?? Two "daffynitions"—Intense: the way the Arabs like to live. Married couple: two people who go to a drive-in movie to see the picture.

REPAIR SALES DEPARTMENT

by Joyce Rondeau

We now have another new car in the department! Alice Der Torosian has recently become the proud owner of a '55 Ford. To christen the new vehicle, the Order Processing Department held a party at Marconi's in Framingham. . . . Another party was held at Ma Glockner's to officially start the diet season (another try). It sure is rough living on eggs and grapefruit! . . . The office bowling team finally wound up the season in second place. We hope they make first place next year. . . . Tom Marshall and family recently spent a few days visiting in New Jersey. . . . Congratulations on their wedding anniversaries to Orrin Austin and Ann Wiersma. . . . Happy birthdays this month go to Rose Kalonas, Bill Baird and Joyce Rondeau.

RESEARCH DIVISION

by Bernice Taylor and John Baker

Now that the balmy May days are here again, the interest in golf has reached a new high. The teams are in the process of being organized with Joe Laczynski in charge of the arrangements. The season officially opened on May 2, at the Pine Ridge Golf Club in Upton. . . . Many happy returns of the day to Roland Graves, Al Toomey, Ray Mooradian and Herb Cutler who all have May birthdays. Happy anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Al Toomey; Mr. and Mrs. Roland Graves, their 35th; and to Mr. and Mrs. Ike Peloquin, their 39th. . . . Eileen Holmes, our receptionist, has been out ill for the past two weeks. She is feeling better now, and is once more back to work. Mrs. Mildred Cullen took over the duties of receptionist while Eileen was ill. Mrs. Cullen is now working for the Plant Layout Department. Good luck to her in her new job. . . . Congratulations to Leo Roy upon receiving his fifteen-year pin. . . . In the new car department this month, it is Chick Blakely with a shiny blue 1955 Plymouth.

Personality: Thomas Cody was born in Gardner, Mass. in 1923. He attended the elementary grades there, and then moved to Manchaug. He was graduated from Sutton High School in 1941. While in high school, he worked part time at the Glover Wood Turning Co. (a bobbin factory) in Millbury, and continued to work there for a few months following high school graduation. Then he came to work at W. M. W. where his first job was in the crib on the Gear Job. That was a busy year for Tom, for it was then that he entered the Navy to serve his country until 1946. He had the valuable experience of traveling completely around the world while in the Navy. He was a yeoman 1st class. Following the war, Tom returned to us and worked as a road man on wool spinning and twisters. Then in 1953, Tom came to work at Re-

search where he works on all kinds of twisters and the Stains Direct Spinner. In 1950, Tom was married to Miss Lucille Baillargeon of Whitinsville. They have a daughter, Patricia Lucille, who is two years old. In his spare time, Tom finds plenty to do. He and his brother-in-law, Henry Barnett, own and run the Manchaug Shoddy Mill. There the natural and synthetic fibers are blended, picked and carded. Most of the work is done on a commission basis. On March 11, this mill was almost totally destroyed by fire, but once more Tom and Henry have got their mill in working order. Tom is also a member of the Manchaug Fire Department and an ardent baseball fan and a golf devotee. He is a very friendly person, with a pleasing personality and manner.

MAIN OFFICE

by Gloria Frabotta and Marlene Willard

This month we'll begin by spreading our welcome mat for Julie McDonough, previously of the Sales Department, who has replaced Joyce Buteyn. We are sorry to see Joyce leave, but wish her lots of luck and happiness in her new surroundings of Wisconsin. The "mat" is also out for Donald Mateer, who left Wage Standards and is now working in the Treasury Department. Last, but not least, a friendly hello to Ginny Burke who has taken Shirle Lightbown's place in the Contract Department. Shirle has left to take up household duties in Clinton. Best wishes, Shirl. . . . The Birthday Club of eight girls spent a gala evening at Giombetti's last April 6. Six of the girls took Shirle and Joyce on a pizza party. There were laughs galore, especially towards the end of the evening when one of the cars had to turn back about a mile to pick up the missing skirt belt of Sally Mantashigian. The evening was finished off by delicious ice creams at Frost's in East Douglas.

On April 19, Shirle and Joyce were given a party in their honor by the Main Office crew of girls at the Worcester Airport, and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Evelyn McNamara and Arlene Buker left for what they thought would be a beautiful summer-like week end. Each visited an area hard hit by our April 3rd snowstorm: Connecticut and New York!!! It took Evelyn seven and a half hours to make it home from New York, and Arlene was forced to postpone her trip home another day. . . . Two of our employees enjoyed the beautiful sights of our Nation's Capitol last month. George Kellstrand spent a week touring there and in Williamsburg, Virginia, while Eleanor Baker enjoyed a week end visiting all the important points of interest. . . . As it appeared in Tom Carey's column of the *Evening Gazette*, "Gordon T. Rankin—claims that when I make a prediction, he immediately places money on my selections. He is a red-hot New York Yankee fan in what he insists is a lukewarm Red Sox community." (Is he right, Whitinsville fans?) . . . Never thought of penning a column on some of the former great New York Clubs. For a starter, might attempt an article on the great 1927 Miller Huggins Championship Nine. O.K. with you, Gordon? . . . Your reporters would like to pass this suggestion on. If your back gets itchy at any time, Dick Conlee would be perfectly willing to lend you his back scratcher. . . . We'd like to send out a huge spring bouquet of birthday happiness for the birthdays of Ann McDonald, Agnes DeYoung, Gloria Frabotta, Marion Boyd, and Norman Shaw, and for the anniversaries of Edna Bergquist, Frank Polucha, Arthur Vincent and Jim Graham.

PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

by Tad Wallace and Marge Newton

This is a new "twist" and I hope that it proves to be contagious. On Saturday night, April 16th, the girls on the night shift took their husbands out for an evening of dining and dancing. The Club Cosmo in North Grafton was the scene of this gala party. Those who attended were Mabel and Phil Larsen, Simone and Jack Gilchrist, Helen and Red Adams, Irene and Bill Lavalle, Eunice and Jack Evers, Marion and John Hutcheson, Hilda and George DeBoer and Florence and Norm Lightbown. The girls tell me that they merely wanted to prove that, contrary to public opinion, wives are generally kind and thoughtful in respect to their husbands. This party was planned to attest to that fact. . . . The Production Department Golf League is underway again. The league now has six teams instead of four. They started the season on April 21st at Upton where all matches will be played again this year. These are the six teams: Sandtrappers—Ray Duggan (capt.), Paul Duggan, Bill Kearnan, Hado Kelliher; Putters—Jim Kane (capt.), Bill Walsh, Tom Stevenson, Tom Cawley; 4-Dubs—Hank Cant (capt.), Vic Romasco, Harold Baszner, Gene Closson; Ham and Eggers—Charlie Malkasian (capt.), Phil Rae, Norm Lightbown, Gordon Anderson; Par-4's—Ted Bisson (capt.), Andy Meszaro, Irving Lightbown, Bob Bethel; 4-Aces—Bill Mayberry (capt.), Peanuts Johnson, Gene Massey, and Harry Segal. Although it is too early to predict the results, this should be a most interesting league this year. . . . Pat Remillard has left the office to devote her time to the tasks of housekeeping. Pat's former duties as secretary to Harry Segal will now be taken care of by Doris Pouliot. To Pat and Doris may we wish much happiness in their respective endeavors.

Henry and May Stuart admire doll-like young John Henry. Henry is an erector and May was formerly a file clerk in the Main Office

How do you like this for a new "fisherman's" excuse—Jackie Gilchrist says the only reason why he does not bring home any BIG fish is because he ALWAYS puts them back in order that some other fisherman may have the same thrill in landing them.

New sights in the Production Department: Paul Devlin searching frantically for his doughnuts each day. We cannot offer any clues to the culprit's identity, but would say that it is fairly obvious that Weyman Plante has put on a few pounds lately. . . . Irv Lightbown recently was seen in the office one morning attired in a smock. Could this mean that Irv is seriously thinking of taking up art as a career? If this is the case, some of his friends have considered taking up a collection to buy him a beret and an easel. . . . Ray Kucharski, Hector Chausse and Tad Wallace paid a noon hour visit to the fourth member of the "Rummy" club (cards that is) when good member John Steele was confined to his home by illness. When Hector found that Johnny was very much improved, he immediately pulled out a pack of cards and had a few games with the convalescent. In case you may hear otherwise, we *did not* go down for dinner.

We sincerely hope that by the time this column is read, Julie McMullin and Olean Leonard will be off the sick list, and be back in our midst again. At the writing, both were recuperating from operations. While we are wishing for better and healthier days for Julie and Olean, we feel that we should pass this information along for the benefit of those who do not know. You may recall that our good friend John Hay and Mrs. Hay departed for Florida recently and only got as far as Meriden, Connecticut, when Mrs. Hay was stricken ill and had to be confined to a hospital for several days. When she was able to travel again, they proceeded to St. Petersburg, their original destination. We extend to the Hays a sincere hope that all goes well with them now. To those who may want to write to them, this is the address to use: John F. Hay, Parsley Trailer Park Lot 29, 17715 Gulf Blvd., St. Petersburg, Florida.

NO "BUTTS" ABOUT IT

There's nothing quite like a job—ask the man who doesn't have one. No one deliberately endangers the place in which he or other persons work. Many of us, however, may through lack of knowledge commit an action which endangers our security. In the past year some persons who work or pass through building 27, which houses the woodworking departments, have done just that, for they try to extinguish their cigarette butts by dropping them on the floor and grinding them under their foot. Instead of being crushed out, the glowing end is often forced into the cracks in the floor. This is hazardous for between the floor and the ceiling beneath is bone-dry tinder-like wood dust.

The wood dust itself is dangerous enough but on the first floor is a big exhaust system which pulls air not only from the passageways but through the cracks in the floors and ceilings. Several new patches of flooring attest that the current (draft) is strong enough to keep a cigarette glowing and to ignite the dust, which burns slowly for several hours then bursts into flame.

So far this has happened during working hours. Someone saw the flame; the Fire Department extinguished the blaze; the Maintenance Department made repairs. If this should happen some night after the plant has shut down, a fire could destroy this building leaving the men in this area without a job.

This will be prevented only if those passing through refrain from smoking, if those employed in the woodworking sections use the smoking areas set up for that purpose, and if the men in the other departments use the red-painted butt cans whenever they wish to extinguish a match, cigarette, cigar, or pipe. *Let's have no "butts" about the floor—abide by the rules, protect your job and the job of your neighbor.*

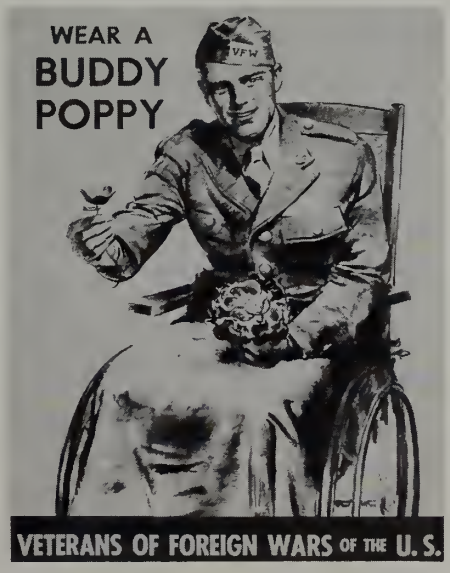
This picture of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph I. Bartlett was taken about 1925. Joe has worked in Department 411 for 27 years

To James Fisher, supervisor on Department 413 and Mrs. Fisher a son, Brian William, on March 28.

To George Durant, Department 427 and Mrs. Durant, a daughter, Patti who weighed in at 7 lbs. and 4 oz. on March 24 at the Whitinsville Hospital.

To Jim Kane, Department 465 and Mrs. Kane, a daughter, Christine, born April 10 (Easter Sunday) at Whitinsville Hospital.

To Adrian Donatelli, Planner at Department 409, and Mrs. Donatelli (Olive Lash), a daughter, Mary Ann, born March 30 at Whitinsville Hospital.



Needy and hospitalized veterans help themselves but they need your help too. Do your part during the week of Memorial Day by buying a Buddy Poppy. This sale is conducted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, but the proceeds go to help all veterans

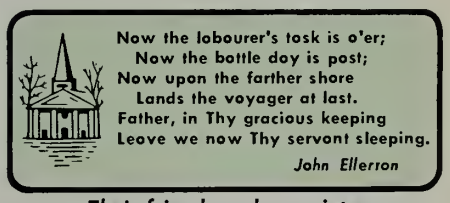
The engagement of Miss Bette Zacopoulos, Supply Room, to John Cokotis of Springfield was announced April 3.

Jeannette M. Pouliot, Traffic Department, is engaged to Alphonse Berthelette of Millville. A fall wedding is planned.

The engagement of Nancy Fisher, Production Department, to George Danahy of Blackstone has been announced.

Gertrude Beaulac, Tabulating Department, is engaged to Sgt. Ajay McKinstry, of Southbridge and Ft. Story, Virginia. No date has been set for the wedding.

Roberta L. Richardson, Tabulating Department, was married to John Geer, on Saturday, April 16 at 4:30, in the Episcopal Church, Millville. The Geers will make their home at 212 Church Street, Whitinsville.



Their friends and associates extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved

Charles Wilson on the death of his mother.

Fred Chaffee, Shop Planner at Department 424, on the death of his mother.

Friends and relatives of Philip Ryan, Planer Hand in Department 454, who died recently.

Relatives and friends of Marcel Plante, 37, of 15 Andrews Terrace, Branch Village, who died suddenly on April 8. He was a machinist in Department 423.

Robert Murray, Department 418, on the death of his father.

Edward McNamee and family on the death of his mother, Mrs. Dora McNamee of Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

Survivors and friends of Doria J. Boulanger, 56, who died at his home in Linwood on April 17. He was a resident of that community for 40 years and a machinist at the Whitin Machine Works for 32 years.

Irene Milkman, Department 431, on the death of her aunt, Mrs. Lorretta Sweet on April 7.

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

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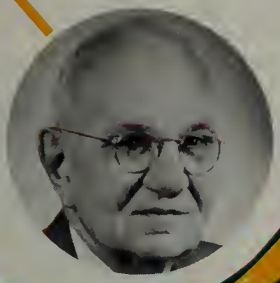

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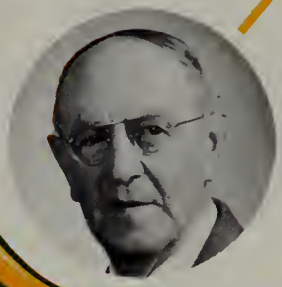

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ARTHUR BAILLARGEON

HAROLD OAKES

These Men Have Completed 350 Years of Service with Whitin

ARTHUR BAILLARGEON

A YOUNG MAN who was born in Buckland, Canada, in 1885, came to Linwood in 1905 for a brief visit with his brother and sister. This visit has stretched over the years, for Arthur Baillargeon liked the States so well that he never returned to Canada. He took a job at the Whitin Machine Works where he worked on the Packing Job, on the Spinning Floor, in the Foundry, and, beginning in 1908, in Department 424. On Department 424 he at one time or the other operated most of the machines and did sub-assembly work. He retired January 28, 1955.

At the time of his marriage to Candide Blouin in 1912 he moved from his brother's home to Fletcher Street, where in later years he purchased a house from the Shop. Arthur and Candide have a son, five daughters, and four grandchildren. Arthur, Jr., works on the Roll Job and a daughter, Rita, in Master List.

Arthur is a rabid baseball and boxing fan. In excellent health, he looks and says that he feels young, and that he plans to attend several Red Sox games this year. He enjoyed rooting for Whitin during the great days of the Blackstone Valley League.

HAROLD OAKES

IT IS NOT surprising that Harold Oakes, metal pattern maker, likes clam chowder without tomatoes, for he was born in East Gloucester, Massachusetts, on September 11, 1887, and lived there until he was fifteen. As a result of spending the next three years of his life in Ashpoint, Maine, he has often been called a "down easter." He came to Whitinsville to begin work on the Comber Job in September, 1905, after finishing high school. He was in the U. S. Army during World War I.

He has worked on a variety of jobs, and for many years was an assistant foreman, but for the past eleven years has been a metal patternmaker. He and his wife Margaret live at 6 Forest Street, Whitinsville. In his spare time he cares for about 500 gladiolus plants and a vegetable garden. He is a Red Sox fan.

JOHN VANDERZEE

JOHN J. VANDERZEE, Foreman of Department 401, was born in Gaastmeer, Netherlands (Holland), on July 10, 1884, where he attended school. After learning the carpenter's trade, he came to the U. S. at the age of twenty, landing on March 28, 1905. He began work here July 5, 1905, under Mr. Artie Meader.

In May, 1907, he transferred to the Wood Pattern Job. He worked under several foremen: Messrs. McLean, Houghton, Willis, and Lees. He became foreman in June, 1943.

John and Theresa Vanderzee own their home at 13 Arcade Street. They have two children—a son and a daughter—and seven grandchildren—five boys and two girls.

John's hobbies are reading and flower gardening. He is a member of the Christian Reformed Church.

ARSAN OVOIAN

ARSAN OVOIAN, core paster in the Core Room, believes that "America is the best country in the World, and Whitinsville is the best town in America." His early experiences helped shape his sincere appreciation of the advantages he now enjoys.

Arsan was born in Armenia on July 4, 1890. His father, hoping later to save his family, fled from the Turks

before Arsan's birth. While Arsan was still a small boy, his mother bribed the Turks to smuggle him across the border to Russia. His last memory of his mother is the secret sign she gave him to give to his guides only after he reached safety. Because his guides could not collect their pay without this token, Arsan crossed the border safely. His mother, who had saved her son, could not save herself and died in a massacre at the time of World War I.

Conditions were little better in Russia. Arsan's father sent him $80 earned in the Whitin Machine Works. With this Arsan made his way across Europe to America. He began work here in July, 1905, as a water boy in the Foundry. In slack times he worked at Castle Hill Farm where he showed an uncanny ability in judging cattle.

Arsan was a good worker. He labored in the Foundry, saved his money, married, brought up two sons and two daughters, and sent every one of his children through college. He has been active in the affairs of the Armenian community and is chairman of the local Armenian Church.

Arsan and Anna live at 138½ Church Street. Arsan is an excellent gardener.

LOUIS R. VEAU

Be it fox hunting, fly fishing, or baseball, Louis R. Veau, Foundry Supervisor, is a man who loves sports. While he has given up some of his more strenuous activities in recent years, Louis will long be remembered as a captain and second-baseman of the Whitinsville club in the Blackstone Valley League. He still remembers with affection certain jokes he and William "Gummy" Montgomery played on each other.

Louis, who with his wife Lena now lives at 121 East Street, Whitinsville, was born in Whitinsville on May 8, 1898. He began work here in November, 1905, on the Roll Job. After working there, on David Marshall's Job, and in the Core Room, he served his time as an apprentice molder in the Foundry.

At one time Louis owned two fine blue-tick foxhounds. Up until three years ago he played golf. He still enjoys fly fishing and plans to revisit that Maine Lake where he landed nineteen black bass one morning.

ALBERT MONTGOMERY

During the fifty years since January, 1905, Albert Montgomery has witnessed a revolution in transportation. As a boy, he saw our textile machines moved by oxen and horses. As a member of the Traffic Department he was cashier, conductor, and motorman of the Linwood Street Railway, which at the peak of its development had eight passenger cars and transported over 62,000 passengers a month. This railway made its last regular passenger run on February 28, 1935.

Albert was born in Whitinsville on January 21, 1885, attended the local high school and Becker Business College, and began work in the Traffic Department as a stenographer. He has worked for four traffic managers. He has purchased the house at 7 Overlook Street where he lives with Mrs. Montgomery.

In his younger days, Albert raised, trained, hunted, and showed beagles. Today he plays a better-than-average game of cribbage, watches TV, and enjoys rooting for the Yankees and the Braves. He prefers the National League.

JOSEPH C. DUMAIS

During his half-century on the Roll Job, Joseph C. Dumais has worked at every task in the department. He began in June, 1905, filing flutes and currently is group leader on roll repair orders. He was born in Linwood on October 16, 1891, attended school there, and he and his wife Eva live in the house they own at 20 Union Street, Linwood.

During World War I, Joe served in the Army as a fuse-setter in Battery A, 12th Field Artillery, 2nd Division. He saw action in several of the great battles, including St. Mihiel, Champagne-Marne, and Meuse-Argonne. The next nine months were a little less exciting; he served nine months in the Army of Occupation; he walked from France to Germany.

Joe is the father of four children and the grandfather of three children. He is a member of the Artisans, Lodge #99, Montreal, Canada. He spends his leisure hours gardening, watching TV, and cheering for the Red Sox.

Whitin Honors Veterans

Above: Arthur Baillorgeon, on his 50th onniversary with the Company, receives o gold wotch ond the congratulations of Mr. E. Kent Swift

Left: Bazil Konvent, one af 28 employees, who received o 40 Yeor Service Pin ond the congratulations of President J. Hugh Bolton

A GROUP of 264 Whitin senior employees has amassed a stupendous total of 12,345 years of continuous service with the Company. Whitin has 5 retired men each with 60 through 65 years of interrupted service. There are 69 employees whose service covers 50 through 59 years of whom 22 are active and 47 retired. There are 190 employees whose service covers 40 through 49 years with the Company. In this group 120 are active and 70 are retired.

To honor these veterans Mr. E. Kent Swift and Mr. J. Hugh Bolton gave a banquet in the Whitin Cafeteria the evening of May 5. After a superb individual beef pie dinner, the guests were addressed by Mr. E. Kent Swift who spoke of the amazing record of our senior employees, and of the part they played in the growth and progress of the Whitin Machine Works and the community. Mr. Swift welcomed the seven "new men" into the ranks of the Fifty Year Veterans and presented each a gold pocket watch inscribed with the employee's name and years of service to the Company. In this group were: Albert Montgomery, Arthur Baillargeon, Joseph Dumais, John Vanderzee, Harold Oakes, Louis Veau, and Arsan Ovoian.

Mr. J. Hugh Bolton, who presented 40 Year Service Pins to 28 "new men," greeted the veterans warmly and stated he wouldn't let anything keep him from this banquet with his friends. (Mr. Bolton attended the banquet with the use of crutches.) Those who received 40 Year Service Pins were: Harry Jackson, William Skillen, Edward Bibeau, Henry C. Courteau, Lewis P. Kenney, Raymond H. Barlow, Bazil Konvent, John Konvent, John Baker, Charles N. Barney, Leo Garabedian, Milton W. Philbrook, Frank Rybak, Lee McFarland, Albert E. Gill, Frank Nastor, Joseph E. Peltier, Victor G. St. Andre, Charles C. Willard, Felix Youngsma, Hoogas Hoogoian, Martin J. Sharkey, P. Frank Shugrue, Leland A. Hemenway, Orrie M. Jacobs, Joseph N. Leclair, Harold C. Warren, Earle E. Hammond, and John A. Nelson.

Five acts of vaudeville by professional entertainers concluded the evening program.

The Senior Employees extend their thanks to their hosts Mr. E. Kent Swift and Mr. J. Hugh Bolton for another evening of good fellowship which they will long remember.

They also commend Mr. Philip B. Walker on his arrangements for the evening's entertainment and for the excellent dinner especially prepared for the veterans.

These senior employees have amassed a stupendous total of 12,345 years of service with the Whitin Machine Works

Left: You may have seen the Danish unicyclist team of Les Blue and Yvette on Ed Sullivan's Show. After flipping 5 cups and 5 saucers to his head, Les added a spoon, and a lump of sugar by the same method

Below: A "ringer" planted among the waitresses added interest to the brother-and-sister acrobatic act of Ladd and Lyon

Right: Alice Iga demonstrated that there is more than one way to relax on a chair. Her parents came from Whitinsville

264 Loyal Whitin Employees Have Given 12,345 Years of Continuous Service

FIFTY THROUGH FIFTY-NINE YEARS OF SERVICE. First row, from the left: Edward Letourneau, Esten Lermond, Arthur G. Clark, Adolph Roy, David Deranian, Thomas Crompton, Havagin Nigohosian, and Louis Veau. Second row, from the left: Albert Montgomery, Winford W. Janes, James Forsythe, James Finney, James Marshall, R. I. Dalton, John Vanderbaan, John Vanderzee, Jacob Feddema. Third row, from the left: Arthur St. Andre, Andrew Cahill, Samuel Finney, John Spencer, Andrew Baird, Arthur Baillargeon, Joseph Dumais, and David Blokely

Sixty Years' Service

Retired

W. Ernest Booth, *January, 1888 to September 19, 1952*
Dennis Mack, *July, 1881 to September 15, 1945*
Joseph Bouvier, *December, 1890 to June 27, 1952*
Henry Graves, *March, 1893 to December 31, 1953*
William Montgomery, *June, 1894 to May 31, 1954*

FIFTY THROUGH FIFTY-NINE YEARS OF SERVICE. First row, from the left: Henry Graves, Thomas Fitzpotrick, John Corroll, Edward Driscoll, Stephen Machoian, Arson Ovoian, John Leech, ond Arthur Holl. Second row, from the left: Joseph Boillorgeon, Horold Ookes, E. Kent Swift, George Forsythe, Williom Sherry, Broer DeVries, George Hanno, ond Peter Baker. Inset, left: John Pichette; Inset, right: Rolph E. Lincoln

Fifty Years' Service

Active

Edward C. Driscoll.....*December, 1895*
William McNeil.....*October, 1898*
Peter T. Baker.....*January, 1899*
Andrew Cahill.....*April, 1899*
James F. Marshall.....*April, 1900*
Stephen Machoian.....*May, 1900*
E. Kent Swift.....*September, 1900*
Ralph E. Lincoln.....*July, 1901*
Arthur St. Andre.....*November, 1901*
R. I. Dalton.....*June, 1902*
Oscar Martin.....*July, 1902*
John Pichette.....*February, 1903*
W. Winford Jones.....*August, 1903*
Joseph Baillargeon.....*June, 1904*
James B. Forsythe.....*June, 1904*
Esten Lermond.....*November, 1904*
Albert Montgomery.....*January, 1905*
Joseph Dumais.....*June, 1905*
Arsan Ovoian.....*July, 1905*
John Vanderzee.....*July, 1905*
Harold Oakes.....*September, 1905*
Louis R. Veau.....*November, 1905*

Retired

Jacob Deranian, *October, 1892 to July 3, 1952*
Henry J. Todd, *July, 1895 to March 1, 1954*
Thomas Fitzpatrick, *April, 1893 to October 1, 1951*
John F. Carroll, *January, 1883 to April 1, 1941*
Jacob Feddema, *May, 1892 to March 3, 1950*
George F. Hanna, *January, 1896 to August 13, 1953*
Earl Hanny, *October, 1895 to November 25, 1952*
Arthur Hall, *October, 1895 to August 18, 1952*
George Ferry, *June, 1895 to August 20, 1951*
Christopher Kane, *June, 1890 to May 3, 1946*
Rein Workman, *September, 1895 to October 1, 1951*
David Deranian, *May, 1889 to February 15, 1945*
Thomas Crompton, *June, 1889 to January 5, 1945*
John T. Wild, *October, 1889 to October, 1944*
Frank Roy, *1893 to July 2, 1948*
William McNaul, *June, 1895 to April 7, 1950*
William Deane, *March, 1898 to July 29, 1952*
Samuel Finney, *February, 1900 to July 1, 1954*
Dexter S. Wood, *October, 1891 to January 2, 1946*
Simeon Bourdon, *August, 1900 to June 25, 1954*
William Sherry, *March, 1896 to November 18, 1949*

Fifty Years' Service (continued)

Retired

John Leech, *May, 1899 to November 29, 1952*
Peter Goodhue, *November, 1887 to January 28, 1941*
Charles Nigohosian, *July, 1899 to August 18, 1952*
Adolph Roy, *April, 1900 to March 27, 1953*
George A. Forsythe, *July, 1899 to July 25, 1952*
John Vanderbaan, *November, 1900 to August 28, 1953*
Fred Bousquet, *May, 1900 to January 22, 1953*
William J. Forsythe, *June, 1901 to January 29, 1954*
Thomas P. Dunn, *June, 1901 to December 31, 1953*
John Shaw, *September, 1901 to December 31, 1953*
Robert Drohan, *June, 1898 to September 27, 1950*
Simon Chiras, *July, 1901 to August 15, 1953*
Exanapha Letourneau, *June, 1901 to July 21, 1953*
Albert F. Hewett, *June, 1892 to April 1, 1944*
Andrew Baird, *June, 1899 to December 29, 1950*
Oliver L. Bonoyer, *June, 1897 to September 18, 1948*
James B. Finney, *September, 1902 to November 27, 1953*
Arthur Van Dyke, *May, 1901 to July 1, 1952*
Henry Ebbeling, *May, 1901 to June 27, 1952*
William V. Ledue, *December, 1902 to December 31, 1953*
Thomas O'Connell, *September, 1899 to March 18, 1950*
Broer DeVries, *March, 1903 to April 24, 1953*
Charles Newton, *January, 1895 to January, 1945*
John Spencer, *August, 1899 to July 29, 1949*
Arthur Baillargeon, *March, 1905 to January 28, 1955*
John Blaine, *February, 1903 to August 8, 1952*

Forty Years' Service

Active

Lucien Blouin ..... *April, 1906*
Albert Buma ..... *April, 1906*
Hugh Brown ..... *June, 1906*
Fabian Corron ..... *June, 1906*
Nazaire Laferrier ..... *June, 1906*
Sipke Oppewall ..... *June, 1906*
Samuel Cleland ..... *August, 1906*
Henry B. Stuart ..... *August, 1906*
Adolph Morin ..... *September, 1906*
Oliver Copeland ..... *November, 1906*
Thomas G. Hamilton ..... *December, 1906*
Harry Drinkwater ..... *June, 1907*
Arthur Jackman ..... *June, 1907*
Arthur Marshall ..... *June, 1907*
Robert G. McKaig ..... *June, 1907*
William Feddema ..... *October, 1907*
Chester Greenwood ..... *January, 1908*
Peter Michalik ..... *June, 1908*
Joseph J. Reneau ..... *November, 1908*
Moses Malkasian ..... *December, 1908*
Andon Asadoorian ..... *January, 1909*
Kachadoor Boghosian ..... *February, 1909*
David Magill ..... *April, 1909*
Philip Belanger ..... *June, 1909*
Jeremiah J. Foley ..... *July, 1909*
Garabed DerSarkisian ..... *August, 1909*
Michael Zylstra ..... *August, 1909*
Fred Cowburn ..... *November, 1909*
Thomas H. Driscoll ..... *November, 1909*
Edward L. Nuttall ..... *November, 1909*
Walter Boutilier ..... *January, 1910*
James Cahill ..... *February, 1910*
Fred Kramer ..... *March, 1910*
Richard Lemay ..... *March, 1910*
Timothy Brosnahan ..... *April, 1910*
Dellar Duhamel ..... *April, 1910*
George Armston ..... *May, 1910*
Harold Kane ..... *June, 1910*
Leroy Clarke ..... *July, 1910*
Sydney R. Mason ..... *July, 1910*
Archie Fournier ..... *October, 1910*
John Leonard ..... *February, 1911*
John Dufries ..... *April, 1911*
Octave LeBlanc ..... *October, 1911*
Frank Maguire ..... *November, 1911*
James Gusney ..... *January, 1912*
Toros Shaharian ..... *January, 1912*
Paul Rutana ..... *February, 1912*
Harry Kearnan ..... *February, 1912*
Lester Hewett ..... *March, 1912*
Albin W. Nelson ..... *March, 1912*
James Spence ..... *April, 1912*
Charles T. Noble ..... *April, 1912*
Joseph Berkowicz ..... *June, 1912*
Robert Lawson ..... *June, 1912*
Israel Ovoian ..... *June, 1912*
John Rutana ..... *June, 1912*
Robert S. Wilson ..... *June, 1912*
Peter Kurek ..... *June, 1912*
Robert K. Brown, 2nd ..... *July, 1912*
Harry Alger ..... *July, 1912*

FORTY THROUGH FORTY-NINE YEARS OF SERVICE. Front row, from the left: Stephen Chiros, Joseph Berkowitz, Arthur Leovitt, J. Herbert Pork, John Leonord, Gerrit DeBoer, Richord Felsen ond Flovius Ames. Second row, from the left: Arthur Jockmon, Roupen Degirmonjion, George Armton, Joseph Fenner, Albert Buma, Moses Malkosion, Archie Fournier, Thomas Driscoll ond Philip Forrell. Third row, from the left: Adolf Morin, Dick Molkosion, Lucien Blouin, Albert Chorbonneou, Jomes Krull, Peter Johnson, Louis Vincent, Oliver Copeland, and Willis Winchenbach

FORTY THROUGH FORTY-NINE YEARS OF SERVICE. First row, from the left: Peter Ledoux, Herbert McNeil, Andrew Buwoldo, Mordiros Hompartzoomian, James Jones, Philip Belonger, Paul Rutana, ond Oscar Antoian. Second row, from the left: Chester Greenwood, Sigurd Hellond, Felix Herbin, Henry Stuort, Mark Haroutunian, Jacob Yongsma, Louis Chabot, Peter Bedigian, and Kochodoar Boghosian. Third row, from the left: Harry Drinkwater, Octove LeBlonc, Benjamin Scott, Gilbert Harwood, John Moscofian, Garabed Bedrosian, Housep Hagopion, Robert McKaig and Sipke Oppewall

FORTY THROUGH FORTY-NINE YEARS OF SERVICE. Front row, from the left: Alex Jangsma, Gerben Oppewall, William Kearnon, Andon Asadoorian, Garabed DerKasrafian, Ernest Keyes, Fred Muse, and Hagop Hoogaian. Second row, from the left: Jacob Kooistra, Harry Bailey, Peter Kooistra, Arthur Gomelin, Harry Alger, Michael DerKasrafian, Leroy Rollins, and John Rutana. Third row, from the left: Harry Kearnan, Edward Jennings, Harvey Deslauriers, John Dufries, Joseph Hetherington, Nazaire Laferrier, Sydney Mason, Samuel Cleland

Forty Years' Service (continued)

Active

Louis Hanson ..... *September, 1912*
John Lamont ..... *October, 1912*
Garabed Bedrosian ..... *October, 1912*
Michael DerKosrofian ..... *December, 1912*
James S. Ferry ..... *December, 1912*
Raymond Kelliher ..... *January, 1913*
Sigurd H. Helland ..... *February, 1913*
Alexander Jongsma ..... *March, 1913*
Arthur Lawrence ..... *March, 1913*
Cecil Baker ..... *April, 1913*
Peter Kooistra ..... *July, 1913*
Robert Hargreaves ..... *July, 1913*
George Kuindersma ..... *August, 1913*
Dick Malkasian ..... *August, 1913*
Benjamin G. Scott ..... *August, 1913*
Jacob Yongsma ..... *September, 1913*
Bernard DeVries ..... *January, 1914*
G. Denton Simmons ..... *January, 1914*
Harry Bailey ..... *February, 1914*
Philip Farrell ..... *March, 1914*
Leroy Rollins ..... *March, 1914*
Richard Felson ..... *April, 1914*
Fred Muse ..... *April, 1914*
Peter Bedigian ..... *June, 1914*
Joseph Checchi ..... *June, 1914*
Edward Kane ..... *June, 1914*
Karl Lewicke ..... *June, 1914*
Arthur Leavitt ..... *August, 1914*
Roupen Degermanjian ..... *October, 1914*
Albert Charbonneau ..... *November, 1914*
Flavius Ames ..... *December, 1914*
Harry Jackson ..... *January, 1915*
William Skillen ..... *January, 1915*
Edward Bibeau ..... *March, 1915*
Henry C. Courteau ..... *April, 1915*
Lewis P. Kenney ..... *April, 1915*
Raymond H. Barlow ..... *May, 1915*
Bazil Konvent ..... *May, 1915*
John Baker ..... *June, 1915*
Charles N. Barney ..... *June, 1915*
Leon Garabedian ..... *June, 1915*

FORTY THROUGH FORTY-NINE YEARS OF SERVICE. Front row, from the left: F. A. Corron, Fred Cowburn, Robert Lawson, Hagop Batekian, Joseph Checchi, Robert Wilson, Robert Blakely, and James Spence. Second row, from the left: Andrew Trasavage, Albin Nelson, Alire Pouliot, Joseph Reneau, Arthur Lawrence, Richard Lemay, Fred Kramer, Michael Zylstra, Charles Noble, Robert Brown, and Bernard DeVries. Inset, left: James Ferry; Inset, right: Ysbrand Brouwer

Milton W. Philbrook.....*June, 1915*
Frank Rybak.....*June, 1915*
Lee P. McFarland.....*July, 1915*
Albert E. Gill.....*August, 1915*
Frank Nastor.....*August, 1915*
Joseph E. Peltier.....*August, 1915*
Victor G. St. Andre.....*September, 1915*
Charles C. Willard.....*September, 1915*
Felix Youngsma.....*September, 1915*
Hoogas Hoogoian.....*October, 1915*
Martin J. Sharkey.....*October, 1915*
P. Frank Shugrue.....*October, 1915*
Leland A. Hemenway.....*November, 1915*
Orrie M. Jacobs.....*November, 1915*
Joseph N. Leclair.....*November, 1915*
Harold C. Warren.....*November, 1915*
Earle E. Hammond.....*November, 1915*
John A. Nelson.....*December, 1915*

Retired

Arthur Prince, *January, 1905 to July 30, 1954*
Albertus Lafleur, *December, 1895 to March 29, 1945*
Napoleon Turgeon, *May, 1902 to July 15, 1951*
Joseph Courteau, *November, 1905 to November 24, 1954*
Stephen Chiras, *June, 1905 to March 26, 1954*
Titus Cooper, *June, 1904 to February 15, 1953*
Felix Herbin, *June, 1906 to December 31, 1954*
James Leitch, *October, 1898 to January 1, 1947*
Fred Matthewman, *July, 1896 to October 1, 1944*
John Moscofian, *August, 1906 to September 30, 1954*
Gerben Oppewall, *November, 1905 to November 30, 1953*
Housep Hagopian, *June, 1906 to May 7, 1954*
Peter Ledoux, *April, 1906 to December 28, 1953*
Ernest C. Keyes, *December, 1901 to August 31, 1949*
Louis Chabot, *April, 1906 to November 30, 1953*
Robert Blakely, *January, 1906 to July 3, 1953*
Andrew Trasavage, *February, 1906 to July 29, 1953*
James Krull, *October, 1906 to February 26, 1954*
Andrew Buwalda, *June, 1905 to November 7, 1952*
Homer Flinton, *May, 1898 to September, 1945*
David Blakely, *September, 1905 to October 31, 1952*
Homer Brouillette, *August, 1897 to September, 1944*
Napoleon Millette, *1906 to October 23, 1953*
Peter Johnson, *June, 1907 to March 26, 1954*
Willis Winchenbach, *February, 1908 to June 30, 1954*
Simon Wolock, *January, 1908 to March 1, 1954*
Gerrit DeBoer, *October, 1906 to November 26, 1952*
Mark Haroutunian, *April, 1907 to March 31, 1953*

TWENTY-EIGHT NEW MEN JOIN THE RANKS OF THE 40-YEAR GROUP. Front row, from the left: Harold Warren, Charles Barney, Orrie Jacobs, Lee McFarland, Lewis Kenney, Earl Hammand, Frank Nastor, and Victor St. Andre. Second row, from the left: Charles Willard, John Nelson, Joseph Leclair, Raymond Barlow, Frank Shugrue, William Skillen, Edward Bibeau, Hoogas Hoogoian, and Lean Garabedian. Third row, from the left: Leland Hemenway, Henry Courteau, Milton Philbrook, Harry Jackson, Felix Youngsma, John Baker, Bazil Konvent, and Frank Rybak. Albert Gill, Joseph Peltier, and Martin J. Shorkey were absent when photo was taken

Forty Years' Service (continued)

Retired

Robert Clark, *July, 1895 to February, 1941*
John J. Sullivan, *September, 1907 to February 27, 1953*
Harvey Deslauriers, *November, 1908 to March 26, 1954*
James R. Clarke, *November, 1908 to January 29, 1954*
Frank A. Donovan, *January, 1909 to November 27, 1953*
Hagop Hoogoian, *July, 1906 to May 25, 1951*
Arthur G. Clark, *September, 1907 to July 25, 1952*
Kaspar Hagopian, *April, 1909 to October 30, 1953*
Alfred M. Langlois, *April, 1909 to September 1, 1953*
James H. Jones, *June, 1909 to September 25, 1953*
Joseph Hetherington, *October, 1909 to January 29, 1954*
Joseph H. Fenner, *March, 1910 to May 31, 1954*
James Kane, *July, 1906 to September 15, 1950*
William J. Kearnan, *June, 1895 to July, 1939*
Arthur J. Gamelin, *February, 1909 to February 27, 1953*
Mardiros Hampartzoomian, *July, 1910 to June 1, 1954*
Alire Pouliot, *August, 1909 to December 29, 1953*
Arthur Wright, *June, 1909 to March 31, 1953*
Simon Platukis, *March, 1909 to November 25, 1952*
John Martin, *September, 1909 to May 21, 1953*
Hagop Batekian, *December, 1910 to July 31, 1954*
Robert Smyth, *April, 1910 to August 28, 1953*
Louis Vincent, *March, 1911 to May 31, 1954*
Robert Clark, Jr., *June, 1908 to August 6, 1951*
Martin O'Day, *June, 1909 to July 3, 1952*
Timothy G. Nutter, *October, 1900 to 1943*
Ysbrand Brouwer, *February, 1908 to September 1, 1950*
James C. Henderson, *April, 1910 to September 27, 1952*
W. D. Lyerly, *July, 1912 to December 31, 1954*
Edward Jennings, *April, 1911 to September 1, 1953*
Harry Bullock, *August, 1902 to November, 1944*
Oscar Antoian, *April, 1912 to July 1, 1954*
Mathias McNeil, *May, 1912 to May 14, 1954*
Ernest C. Smith, *August, 1903 to 1945*
James McCabe, *November, 1910 to November 13, 1952*
Sies Schat, *May, 1912 to March 31, 1954*
Jacob Kooistra, *October, 1899 to April, 1941*
Gilbert Harwood, *July, 1909 to January 26, 1951*
John Howard, *August, 1908 to October 24, 1949*
J. Herbert Park, *July, 1911 to March 29, 1952*
Louis Bergeron, *April, 1905 to August 31, 1945*
John Branigan, *June, 1905 to March 30, 1945*

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So you, or someone you know, are "getting on" in years? More than 64 per cent of the great achievements in this world have been accomplished by men who have passed their 60th year!

In examining the careers of some 400 men, the most notable of their time and outstanding as statesmen, painters, warriors, poets and writers, it was found that the decade between 60 and 70 years of age contained 35 per cent of the world's greatest achievements; between 70 and 80, 23 per cent; after 80, 8 per cent.

Old age can be the most fruitful part of our lives.

FRONT COVER: Seven "new men" were welcomed into the ranks of the Fifty Year Veterans at the Senior Employees' Banquet at the Whitin Cafeteria, the evening of May 5. In this group were: Albert Montgomery, Arthur Baillargeon, Joseph Dumais, John Vanderzee, Harold Oakes, Louis Veau, and Arsan Ovoian.

Whitin Personality

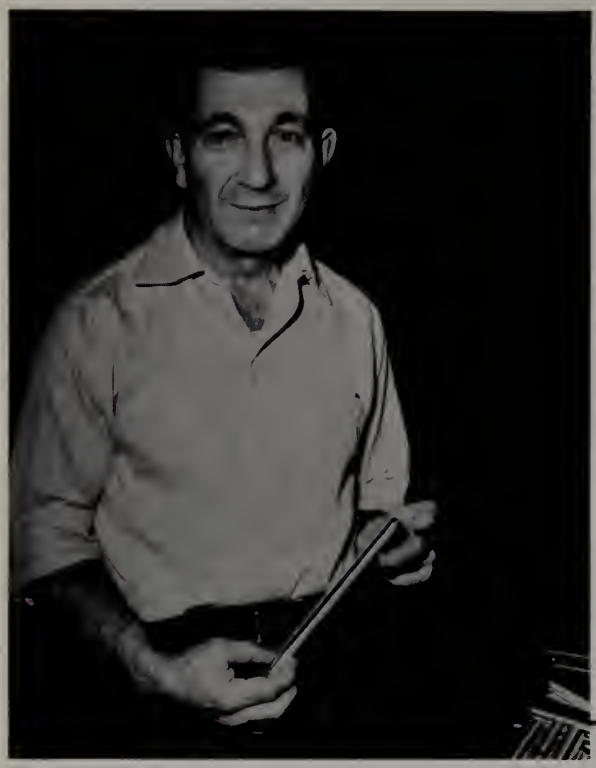
PRACTICAL experience and formal education combined to make Lawrence R. Ball a man of power. For, as Chief Engineer of the Power Plant, Lawrence has control over the electrical horsepower that lights our buildings and powers our machines.

It was almost inevitable that Lawrence should come by this career. He was born in Whitinsville on January 20, 1900, the son of Appleton C. Ball who for many years was in charge of the Power Plant. Even before his graduation from Northbridge High School, Lawrence worked under the guidance of his father after school hours and during summer vacations. While still a high school student, he earned his license as a second-class fireman.

After completing his high school training, Lawrence studied mechanical engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, graduating with the class of 1923. School ended in June; by July he was at work for Whitin. During the late 20s, in addition to his duties in the Power Station, Lawrence taught mathematics in the Whitin Apprentice School. In 1931 he became a first-class fireman and in 1932 he replaced his father as Chief Engineer.

In 1927 he was married to Miss Alice Brown of Whitinsville. Mr. and Mrs. Ball now live at 41 Prospect Street, Whitinsville, with their 13-year old son, David. An older daughter, Janet, was married a few months ago.

Lawrence is active in a number of professional societies, including the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Worcester Engineering Society, the American Society of Executive Engineers and National Association of Power Engineers. He is a member of Granite Lodge, A. F. & A. M. and the American Legion. He is a registered professional engineer in the State of Massachusetts.



Dept.	Name	Suggestion No.	Amount of Award
489	Charles Garabedian	54–165	$212.00
462	Telex J. Richard	54–187	97.00
487	Wendell Piper	53–191	67.50
464	Arthur Vincent	54–222	67.00
485	Gerard Savage John Horan	54–96	38.00
489	William Young	54–209	25.00
404	Serop Moscoffian	54–120	25.00
411	Leon Atteridge Clarence Beauregard	54–252	25.00
470	Lorenzo Frisiello	54–259	25.00
465	Richard Guilbeault	54–206	21.00
436	Joseph Machota	55–22	13.00
424	Alexander Kieronski	54–217	12.00
423	Reynold Boucher	55–54	12.00

SUGGESTION AWARDS

January through March

Dept.	Name	Suggestion No.	Amount of Award
489	Joseph Rembiszewski	54–245	$11.00
485	Donald Amiro	54–164	10.00
411	Clifford Goyette	54–229	10.00
411	Horace Breault	54–211	7.50
402	Edmond Gonzales	54–260	7.50
425	Sara DerSarkisian	55–1	7.50
439	Walter Mularczyk	55–26	7.50
424	Franklin Greene	55–34	7.50
407	Aldor Heroux	54–258	7.50
410	Joseph A. Roy	55–31	7.50

Top: Charles Garabedian, Inspector in the Spindle Department, received $212 for suggesting an improved method of cutting the top radius on aluminum sheaths

Left: Wendell Piper, Methods Department, received $67.50 for suggesting a more efficient method of handling orders for steel between Departments 454 and 419

Whitin Exhibits At Brussels

AMERICAN SYSTEM MACHINERY AND MODEL J COMBER BEING SHOWN

Scene of the Second International Textile Exhibition, Brussels, Belgium

The three American System machines used for the five step processing of worsted yarns from top and staple synthetic yarns from tow, and the Model J high speed comber will be exhibited by the Whitin Machine Works at the Second International Textile Exhibition, Brussels, Belgium, June 25—July 10, 1955.

The American System machines consist of the Roto-Drafter, the Quik-Set Roving frame and the American Superflex Spinning frame. The Roto-Drafter, to be shown in Europe for the first time, is a four-head machine having a rotating cylinder on which are parallel pin bars mounted so that the pins change their angular position. The machine also has the unusual feature that the rotating cylinder can be quickly removed and replaced by rolls to function as a 4 over 5 drawing unit.

The Quik-Set Roving frame features an arm for suspension of the top rolls and weighting, the Whitin two-apron Super-Draft system, and a simple device for instantaneous changing of the ratch or roll spread.

The American Superflex Spinning frame, the third machine in this integrated series, features a new top arm for roll suspension and weighting similar to the one used on the roving frame, the Whitin two-apron Super-Draft system, and a device for changing the roll spread in a few moments. A balloon ring for reducing yarn tension is also available, if desired.

The comber that has attracted world-wide publicity and acceptance, the Model J, will also be in operation. An eight-head unit, the comber operates at a constant 150 nips per minute, at productions of up to 35 lbs. per hour or higher depending on the stock processed. The outstanding characteristics of the comber are: high production, high operator efficiency, excellent quality work, accurate waste control, nep removal, and simplicity of construction. A feature of great importance is the extraordinarily low maintenance costs; for cleaning, setting, timing and repairs. It is not unusual for mill costs for all repairs to be $25.00 or less per comber per year.

Whitin officials at Brussels will be: Mr. J. Hugh Bolton, President; Mr. John H. Bolton, Jr., Manager of the American System Division; Mr. E. Kent Swift, Jr., Director of Research; Mr. George McRoberts, Advertising Manager; Dr. Zoltan Szaloki, Assistant Director of Research; and Mr. Eugene M. Kennedy, Assistant Foreign Sales Manager.

European sales personnel will be headed by M. André Manuel, European Agent for the company and will include Mr. A. E. Aspinall, from England, and Herr Eric M. Morvay from Germany.

The Whitinsville Sea Scouts, led by Thomas Frieswyck, headed the second division of the opening parade

Five Towns Take Part in First Cub-O-Rama

Two-year old Steven Fior, son of Ted Fior, chatted with Lieutenant Governor Sumner G. Whittier at the Uxbridge Cub-O-Rama on April 30. Steven is a "sub-cub" of Den #7

A group of cub scouts line up with their vehicles prior to the first heat of the race

Uxbridge, first town in the United States to hold a Scout-O-Rama, on April 30 became the first town in the United States to hold a Cub-O-Rama. Over three hundred boys from six cub packs in five towns—Uxbridge, Northbridge, Millville, Douglas, and Sutton—participated in the day's events. An estimated three thousand persons saw the display of cub scout craftwork and witnessed the Pushmobile Derby.

The Pushmobile Derby had forty-seven boys entered in two classes. All vehicles entered were built as joint father-and-son projects. It is planned to make this highlight of the program an annual inter-town event.

Purpose of the Cub-O-Rama was to stimulate parent interest in cub scouting in the five town area. Uxbridge has been a leader in the development of local cub scouting.

Among the guests at the joint Cub-O-Rama and Pushmobile Derby were State Representative Luke Driscoll and Lieutenant Governor Sumner G. Whittier. Doctor George Haigh, Committee Chairman of Cub Scout Pack #22, presented the Lieutenant Governor with a plaque symbolizing cub scouting, hand-carved by Ted Fior of the Whitin Engineering Department

KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

RESEARCH DIVISION

by Bernice Taylor and John Baker

Another month has rolled by and many are discussing vacation plans, hiring cottages, and getting all in readiness for that long awaited "two weeks off." Baseball, too, is once more in the air. The boys in the machine shop have taken sides for or "agin" the Red Sox. Ken Stanley was the recipient of a candy bar as a result of his team winning. Much heat had been added to said "Sky Bar," so when Ken received it, it was just too hot to handle. . . . Happy June birthdays to Joe Kostka, John Baker, and Carl Brandt. . . . June, being the traditional month for weddings, gives us a number of anniversaries. So it's congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Wally Caron, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kogut, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. John Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Strand, Mr. and Mrs. Bill McFarland, and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Stanley. . . .On May 15, 1955, Bea Cant was enrolled as a member of the National Secretary Association at a tea at the Hillcrest Country Club in Leicester, Mass. Congratulations to her and we are sure she will be a welcome addition to that group. . . . Eileen Holmes is also in line for felicitations this month. She was presented with a Past Matron's jewel in the Order of the Eastern Star, Columbian Chapter. . . . It gives us great pleasure to welcome William Lundgren to Research Division, where he will work as a member of the Engineering Department.

The personality of the month is one of our very favorite people, Virginia Burke who works in the Research Laboratory. Virginia Rae Burke was born in Whitinsville, and attended the schools in this town. Following graduation from Northbridge High, she attended Perry Normal School. Upon completion of this course, Virginia taught in schools in North Grosvenor Dale, Connecticut and in Barre, Mass. In 1920 she married James Burke of Peterborough, N. H. Then she lived in Connecticut and New Jersey for a time, returning to Whitinsville in 1936. Following the death of her husband, Virginia did substitute teaching in the Northbridge School System. In 1941, Virginia came to work at W.M.W. where she worked as an inspector in Department 411. Then she transferred to Production and now she is with us at Research.

Virginia has a son, James, and a daughter, Virginia who are both employed here. Her hobbies are crocheting and collecting cups and saucers from different countries. It is a very beautiful collection. And right now, her favorite pastime is watching the Red Sox on TV. Virginia has been with us a little over a year. She is a good friend to all and respected and admired by all.

Bernice Taylor was one of the members of a tour that visited the United Nations recently. This tour was sponsored by the Methodist Church. There were thirty-seven people who took the trip. It was most interesting and informative, and gave us all a better insight concerning the far reaching work of this group of sixty nations, all with the same ideal, that of maintaining the peace of the world.

SHEET METAL, PAINT AND CREEL JOBS

by Dorsey Devlin

The Sheet Metal Department held its spring banquet at the South Sutton Club on Saturday evening, April 30. The occasion also turned out to be a farewell for Al Besaw who left for California the following day. Lucien Paulhus was master of ceremonies and was, as usual, the life of the party. Brief remarks from Foreman Eddie Horan and Paul P. Rutana rounded out the evening's festivities. . . . We welcome John Straube, Charles Poxon and Russell Wood to the night shift. . . . Jimmy Gibbons has become a grandfather for the second time, the event being the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Francis E. Flynn on May 15 in the Woonsocket Hospital. Mrs. Flynn was the former Mary Gibbons who worked in the Cost Department. Mr. Flynn is athletic coach at Bellingham High School.

Paint Job Drippings: Al Lucier, a patient for some time in St. Vincent Hospital, was recently perked up with the news that his son is being discharged from the U. S. Air Force. . . . Arthur Laferriere is painting his own home with Joe Brook's help. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Frank Deveau are moving to Uxbridge to live with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David Deveau. . . . Eddie Jussaume is an ardent Red Sox Fan who takes in all the Sox home night games. . . . Ken Greenwood is back to work after a week's stay in a Boston hospital.

GENERAL MACHINING

by Ken Harrington

We understand that the last deep sea fishing trip was called off because of bad weather, but that the boys are going to try again. We wish them luck. . . . Congratulations to "Stu" Jacobs who recently received his 15-year pin. . . . John Malley told Leo Mullen about a great place to fish near his house. So Leo met John at four o'clock in the morning and John led him around in the woods for two hours before John confessed to Leo that they were lost. Leo says he still can't understand how a fellow can get lost in his own backyard. . . . Birthday greetings this month go to Douwe Fekkes. . . . Wedding Anniversaries for the month of June were observed by H. Roy, W. Smith, and M. Krajewski.

Emil Holt, Department 420, received a purse from his associates when he retired on April 29 after working here since April 8, 1939. The presentation was made by Foreman Peter Jangsma. Emil is now on a five-month trip to Finland to revisit the town he left 57 years ago

Raymond Drainville, Foundry Personality of the Month, has worked here for over eight years

FOUNDRY

by Joe Guidi

Personality of the Month: Raymond Gerard Drainville, our personality of the month, was born June 14, 1924 in Woonsocket, R. I. All of his education was received in the Woonsocket Schools. Ray has been with the Whitin Machine Works for the past 8½ years. Prior to coming to Whitin he worked for the Lippitt Woolen Company. Most of Ray's time here has been spent on the Herman machines. During World War II Ray served 3 years in the Marines. Two of these years were spent in the Pacific. On October 25, 1947, Ray married the former Anita Dubois of 78 Hemond Avenue, Woonsocket, R. I. in the Precious Blood Church, Woonsocket, R. I. They are the proud parents of one child, Raymond, 5 years old. They are presently making their home at 116 Hemond Avenue. Ray lists his hobbies as reading and sports. I also hear that he's a crack first baseman.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Swart who on May 9, 1955 attained their 25th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Swart is the former Wilma DeJong. They have seven children, Geraldine, Mildred, Joseph, Garret, Sidney, Frank and Carl. They also have one grandchild. They own their own house at 31 Overlook Street, Whitinsville. . . . Roland Blondin, apprentice molder, one of the ace bowlers in the City League this season and a member of the Championship Strand Alleys team, captured the sweepstakes at the Recreation Lanes with a 10-string total of 1083. Rollie beat the runner-up by nine pins. He received $75.00 plus the Jack Maskell Memorial Trophy. . . . Chick Gagnon recently received a great surprise. As he was closing a mold he attempted to get his hammer to knock in the pins and found he couldn't move. His finger was caught between the top and bottom of the flask. Luckily he escaped with minor injuries. A narrow escape is close enough. Chick promised not to turn his back again. . . . A big welcome to Joseph Brochu who is back to work fully recovered from his recent accident. . . . Northbridge Team wins the championship in the Worcester County League for the second straight year. It is sponsored by "Cuffy" Tessier, who owns the Rockdale Alleys. There are four teams comprising the league, namely: Oxford, Southbridge, Webster (St. Joseph's), and Northbridge. The winners have a substantial lead of twelve points with one more match to roll. Members of the title-winning team are "Rollie" Blondin, who is an apprentice molder, "Chick" Gagnon, who is a molder here in Whitin Machine Works, Norman O'Neil, Ray Lussier and Paul Frechette with "Lou" Boulanger and Lucien Dumas acting as spares. "Cuffy" entered the team last year at the Huntington "55" Alleys in Boston for the New England championship. They not only took the championship but also broke the world's candlepin record. They rolled a smashing "1822" and took first prize of $1,000.00. Raymond Lussier, being unable to roll that night, was replaced by "Tony" Romano. Every member of the team has at least a 104 average with "Rollie" Blondin leading with a 110.8 average.

Hold your ears fellas, here's the first fishing story of the season. The week ending May 7, Joe Deneault, supervisor of our sandslinger floor, went on a fishing trip to the Quabbin Reservoir in Ware, Mass. After arriving and a few practice casts, Joe decided to settle down to the business of fishing. For a while, his casts were in vain. Then finally it happened—the strike!!!! He said he could feel the shock up to the back of his head. His line strained—for a while he thought the gears in his reel would strip. The tip of the pole had bent to meet the handle. The battle was on. But then it happened. One quick flip and the line laid at Joe's feet. It seemed the hook had straightened out and the fish went on its merry way. Refraining from laughing, I asked Joe what was the catch and he meekly replied, "two hornpout." . . . Latest reports from the Foundry men playing for Department 500 softball team show great promise. So far, they have won 3 and lost 1. Keep up the good work boys. . . . While looking for fish stories around the Foundry, I asked one of our anglers, Woody Levesque, if he had gone fishing yet and he said that his spare time was pretty well taken up. It seems Woody is building his own home on Elvira Street in South Bellingham, so the fellows are saying, "Instead of waiting for his fish stories, we'll wait for his open house." . . . One of our apprentice molders recently did the almost impossible. Roland Blondin pitched a no-hit game in the Shop Softball League against the Tool Job. Roland plays for the apprentice team.

Walter F. Ballau, Department 418's Personality of the Month, and Mrs. Ballau were married in 1920. Walter enjoys TV and woodworking

Petty Officer 3/C George P. Regas, an aerial photographer at the Naval Air Station, California, is the son of Peter Regas, Research Division

CHUCK JOB AND AUTOMATICS

by Joseph S. O. Chabot

Personality—Walter F. Ballou was born September 21, 1896 in Blackstone, Mass. He attended the public schools of Blackstone and Saltersville. He served in World War I overseas at the Marne in France. Upon his return home he married Eva Charrette of Blackstone in 1920. They have two daughters and a son. Two of the children have already married. Walter is a charter member of the Bellehumeur Duhamel American Legion Post of Woonsocket, the city where he now lives. Prior to working for Whitins, he had been a weaver for twenty-three years at the Blackstone Mill. In 1943 he decided to quit the weaving business and came to Whitins to work in Department 439 under Mr. Dalton and later transferred to Department 418. As for hobbies he is a real TV fan and also does odd jobs of woodworking.

Our general supervisor, Mike Courtemanche recently made a special trip to Maine and is now the proud owner of a power boat, "Miss Pepsi." Captain Mike will hereafter navigate his cruiser in the Whitin Reservoir and he will only be too glad to give his friends a demonstration of his navigating skill. We extend to him our hearty wishes for a very pleasant summer with his cruiser. . . . We extend to

Gerard Poliquin our heartiest greetings on his 35th birthday anniversary: . . . Have you a late 1953 Willys Beach Wagon? If so, contact George Hoekstra who is in the market for one. . . . We welcome the return of Byron Hayward and Alfred Rousseau to Department 418. . . . Supervisor Charles R. Malkasian has completed the IEA correspondence course sponsored by the Shop. He received his certificate of completion and rebate check from Divisional Superintendent Jacob DeJong.

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

by Marcel E. Turgeon

Personality of the Month: Arthur St. Andre was born on November 13, 1877, in Whitinsville, Mass., and attended Northbridge public schools. He started in Department 413 where he worked for six months, then was transferred to Department 429 where he worked for sixteen years. In May, 1918, he was transferred to the Receiving and Shipping Department. He married Miss Mathilda Benoit in Whitinsville, October 14, 1912. They have four children: Arthur, a doctor, lives in Summit, New Jersey; Roland, office manager at the Utica Knitting Co., lives in Anniston, Alabama; Mrs. Kramer (Rita) resides in North Grafton; and Mrs. Podles (Jeannette) lives in North Uxbridge, Mass. Arthur lives on Leland Road and likes to read and to do carpentering when he has time. He is the president of the Societe St. Jean Baptiste, Treasurer of the Catholic Order of Foresters, and has been a sexton for forty-eight years at St. Patrick's Church. "St." has many friends and is a nice person to know.

Saturday evening, May 7, the office members with their wives and husbands gathered at Chicken Pete's to fete Miss Phyllis Lemoine who is leaving us to accept a position with a law firm in Milford. She received flowers and a purse. Dancing until a late hour followed and everyone went home reporting a good time. . . . A surprise guest showed up at the party in the person of Ed Gorman, formerly of this department, who is now a member of the office force of Akers Motor Lines in New York City. He enjoys living in New York and likes his work. . . . Congratulations are in order for Mr. Albert Montgomery who received a gold watch for fifty years of service with the Whitin Machine Works. . . . We all wish a speedy recovery to Bill VanNess, Jr., who was recently discharged from Memorial Hospital after surgery. . . . Quite a few from the department motored to Boston to witness the Motorama. All were thrilled by what they saw at the show and hope to see more next year.

CARDS, SMALL PARTS AND CYLINDERS

by George Forsythe

This month we welcome Joseph Mowry, Raymond Therrien and Arthur Cournoyer. . . . We wish Alfred Rousseau good luck in his new location, for Alfred has been transferred to Department 418. . . . Congratulations to Dick Sanderson on receiving his 20-year pin and to Bernie Lefebvre on receiving his 15-year pin.

Charles Brown and J. Chester McQuilkin watch as Jim Houghton tells the boys of Cub Pack #155 why damaging the bark may kill a tree. From the left, the boys are Charles Meader, Richard Cook, Howard Desjaurdy, Philip Bedigian, Jay Jessen, Charles Holding, William Bolton, Gerald Papazian, Douglas Carr, Bruce Cleverly, and Albin DeLibero. The group was photographed on April 16 on Shop property near the Golf Course

For the first time since the Women's Bowling League was organized the same team won both halves of the seasan. The victorious team was the Waves. Fram the left: seated—Rosanna Cencak and Fran Haringa; standing—Sarah DerSarkisian, Rita Deome, Alice Dionne, and Eva Barnes. The three highest averages were Wanda Sienkiewicz's 96.8, Millie Turgeon's 96.6, and Rosanna Cencak's 95.8

BOLSTER JOB

by Charles Kheboian

Ed Bibeau, who has just completed forty years of service to the Whitin Machine Works, was one of many invited to the annual supper held for long-time employees of the Shop. Louis Vincent and Mardiros Hampartzoomian, retired men who formerly worked here, also attended. . . . We are glad to see Ed Roberts return after a two-week illness. By the same token we hope that Al Majeau, Job Cournoyer and Eugene Thomas get well soon. . . . Frank Machacz's son Eddie was one of those boys in a group fortunate enough to go

And a good time was had by all at the Annual Tool Job Banquet. Top: Phil Skillen, Phil Larsen, Mrs. Larsen, and Mrs. Skillen. Middle: Jerry Mandeville, Mrs. Mandeville, Mrs. Chasse, and Thomas Chasse. Bottom: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garabedian

to the Boston Garden to see the circus. Mrs. Machacz was a chaperone for the group. . . . Our Timekeeper, Mrs. Lois Blakely, has a brand new Plymouth. . . . Bob Cochrane is rapidly becoming Pascoag's leading citizen. He was called upon as Leader of the Pascoag Cub Pack Troup to accept a Charter in very impressive services held at Pascoag.

At this time I extend to all a wish for a very enjoyable vacation. Remember to bring in pictures and to tell me where you've been so that I may put it in our SPINDLE column.

Our three leading Red Sox rooters, Dominic O'Gara, Dick Baker and Bill Vandersloot, wore big smiles the day that Ted Williams signed his contract. Bill says that Dominic O'Gara had jumped off the band wagon and that Dick Baker was about to do the same.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

by Bill Scanlon

Matt Pulnik and Mrs. Pulnik, the former Lucille Powers of Slatersville, have returned from a two-week honeymoon in New York, New Hampshire, and Vermont. Many of their friends attended their reception at Powell's Tavern, North Smithfield, prior to their departure. . . . After four months in St. Vincent Hospital, Rene Remillard, looking well, has returned to work. . . . We will miss the singing of Leon Duda, who has been recalled to the Box Job. . . . A new member, Lionel A. Brodeur, has been added to Charlie Common's department. Lionel comes from North Smithfield. . . . On Saturday, May 14, Gordon Milkman looked relaxed as he enjoyed his first day of sailing. Many of us on shore envied him as he passed in his sailboat. . . . Robert McManus, a former member of the department who has been working in Pennsylvania, paid the boys a visit. He says that he may stay around this section of the country for a while. He looked well. . . . Archie Bolivar, whose attractive garden is admired by many, is busy these days taking care of his strawberry plants and rose bushes.

GEAR JOB

by Roland Dion

Our Personality this month is Dennis Spencer who was born in Hull, Yorkshire, England on February 11, 1920. He attended grammar school in Hull and in 1938 volunteered for the English Army. He served in the 8th Army where he was attached to the 7th Armored Brigade, Yorkshire Dragoons. Dennis spent seven years in the service, five of which were overseas. He saw service in North Africa, Algiers, Palestine, Egypt, Persia, French Morocco, Italy and France. While in the service, Dennis met several boys from the U. S. A. He heard so much about this country that he made up his mind that he would come here to see for himself someday. After getting out of the service, Dennis went to work as a buyer of corn products for the D. C. Bushel Co. of Sandhurst, Berkshire, England. On April 26, 1955 Dennis came to Whitinsville. He plans to take up permanent residence in the U. S. A. One of the hardest things for Dennis to get used to is driving on the right-hand side of the road. He was amazed when he first came to Whitinsville for he thought only millionaires lived in such homes. To his surprise he found out that everyone here worked for a living!

On May 18th Emile Holt left the U. S. A. aboard the Swedish ship "Kungsholm," on his way to Finland to visit a sister he hasn't seen in 55 years. Mr. Holt was granted a five-month leave of absence to make the trip.

SPINNING SMALL PARTS

by Jake Sohigian

Oscar Antoian and "Dolph" Roy, our retired co-workers, were in to visit us. Both

The Whitin Community Association's girl's basketball team, although eliminated in the semi-finals of the N.E.A.A.U. Tournament held at Everett, Massachusetts, April 22–24, won a handsame trophy for showing the best sportsmanship in the taurnament. With a seasan's record, including tournament games, of fourteen won and eight lost, the girl's basketball team had a good season. From the left: Darathy Plante, Beverly King, Coach Ann Cardingly, Barbara Spratt, Captain Marilyn Blair, Ann Marie Fournier, Nancy Spratt, and Jean Labonte

are looking fit as a fiddle. Retirement agrees with them a hundred per cent—take notice eligible men. . . . I wonder if anyone remembers our old inspector, George Ferry. George is retired now, and enjoying the leisure life. George, a great happy-go-lucky guy, wants to be remembered to all his fellow workers. . . . Ray Bassett, our chief inspector, underwent surgery at a Worcester hospital and is now convalescing at his home. Hope to see him back at work by the time this copy is published. . . . Carl Wood, better known as "Woodie" to every one, is reported returning to work in two weeks—before this issue is made public. Woodie looked very well when last he visited the job.

At this writing, 429's softball team is leading the league with three wins and a single defeat. After looking over all the teams in the league, prospects for a great year look bright. The roster consists of Don Simmons, Moe Deschene, Don Gauthier, Remi Roy, Leo Ethier, Jake Sohigian, Cocky Garabedian, Varky Ovian, Edmund Leduc, Al Burgess, John O'Brien and S. Shaw.

Alton Ramsey has returned to work after two years in the service. . . . New faces this month include, L. Ethier, D. Gauthier, J. Kelly, A. Chaput, J. Grenon and W. Mateer.

BOOSTER DART

by Hector Sauve

Wedding anniversary, the 33rd, for Mr. and Mrs. Potvin on May 14. Helen is an inspector and we're all wishing her well. Helen also shared in this month's birthday cake on the 19th, along with John Drainville on the 10th, and Mike Swiszcz on the 6th. . . . Rita Deome, time clerk, who is a member of the championship team of the Women's League (Rita's being secretary had nothing to do with it), having taken both halves unmercifully, is going to be sporting a new Dodge soon. Remember Rita, those things every 50 feet on the side of the road have nothing to do with bowling. Happy motoring. . . . A welcome to 428 to Mrs. Katherine Jacques.

Ernest R. Lemire, san af Ernest Lemire af Department 410, has campleted his training and has been transferred ta the Naval Haspital, Newpart, Rhode Island

The same to Joe Vaillancourt who is back from sick leave. . . . His oft used phrase, "I'll buy that," makes us wonder what will happen to 428 if Avon Meyers, Chief Government Inspector, ever goes broke. . . . Rachel Roy's feet aren't touching the ground now that Ted Williams is back with the Sox. She has a collection of pictures which includes one with a moustache. Truly a collector's item. Lucky Rachel. . . . Mary Forrest has got the golf bug, we hear, and is keeping the head down and arm straight as per instructions at Wachusett Country Club. . . . Foreman Tom Stevenson says he will do anything in his leisure time as long as it's golf.

TOOL JOB

by George Jones

The Tool Job Sick Benefit Club Banquet was held at Aunt Mary's on April 23 with more than two hundred attending. A turkey and ham family-style dinner was served. Seated at the head table were officers of the club and their wives. A wonderful show was put on by Mathew Quigley and his troup, with June Ann Kane, daughter of Edward Kane, Jr., and Cecile Rouleau, daughter of Eugene Rouleau, as guests. Mrs. Barsamian was accompanist on the piano, and her playing is an act of its own. To make the evening complete, Joe Bartlett played the piano for dancing until closing time. . . . Congratulations to John Deschene on receiving his twenty year pin. John has been out nine weeks with a broken wrist. . . . Ray Jorritsma shot a hawk with a forty-two inch wing spread. . . . The Tool Job Softball Team has played and lost four games as we go to press.

For the second year this Northbridge team won the Worcester County League Championship. From the left: Ike Dumas, Norman O'Neil, Chick Gagnon, Roland Blondin, Paul Frechette, and Tony Romana

METAL PATTERNS

by Bill Prior

Personality—Raymond Belanger was born in East Douglas in the year 1925 and spent his early days in that town. Later his family moved to Uxbridge where he finished his schooling. Ray started working at Whitin Machine Works in 1944 in this department where he has been continuously. He worked in the maintenance gang until 1951 when he changed over to pattern making.

He is married to the former Gloria Guyan of Worcester. They have a son Raymond, age 9. Ray resides at 22 Border Street in this town, having lived in Whitinsville since he started working here. As for hobbies, Ray says he can't put his finger on any specific one for most anything that comes along interests him, whether it is sports or outside work.

We wish Edgar Scott, an apprentice pattern maker, a nice trip. Edgar went as a delegate to a Presbyterian Convention in Los Angeles, California, for a couple of weeks. He left on May 16. . . . Speaking of the oldtimers supper, we have figured that seven of the workers on this job have a total of 300 years of service: H. Oakes, 50 years; H. Alger, 43 years; H. Kearnan, 43 years; H. Warren, 40 years; H. Bedigian, 42 years; B. DeVries, 43 years and E. Payson, 39 years. We take pride in the record of these men. . . . Harold Warren is pleased with his new Dodge. . . . With the current slump of the Red Sox and the not-too-fast start of the Yankees, baseball is almost a forgotten issue in this department. Joe Prior, of course, still carries the Yankee banner, but Cleveland, at this writing, is pushing ahead steadily. As a result, arguments about baseball are very rare these days. Let's hope things pick up a bit and that we have a little action during baseball season.

TIN CYLINDERS

by Wilbur Baird

On Friday, May 13, at Cape Cod, Edward and Mrs. Jones celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary. . . . On June 4, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cupka and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gonsorcik flew to Washington, D. C. to attend the graduation exercises at Catholic University. Albert Cupka, Jr. is a member of the graduating class.

SPINNING, CARD ERECTING AND POLISHING

by Francis Horan

Hugh F. Brown retired April 29 from Department 444 after 48 years' service in the Whitin Machine Works. Hughie started on the Roll Job, then worked on card parts under Mr. Fletcher. He also worked on gear cutting under the supervision of Heath. Later he transferred to the Card Job and has been there since. For the past few years he has been following repairs and he has been doing a very efficient job. In his leisure time he enjoys woodworking. He is a great sports fan and his favorite team is the Red Sox.

Howard Heald, of Department 448A, retired last month after 23 years' service with the Whitin Machine Works. Howard started on the Spinning Erecting Floor. A very efficient worker, he took care of all cylinder boxes. Howard is a pleasant fellow which made working with him a pleasure. He has one daughter, Chestine, and one grandson. He owns his home on Piccadily Street, Upton and resides there with Mrs. Heald. He particularly likes baseball but enjoys watching all sports.

Thought a lot of gardeners would get a kick out of a quotation that Jake Haringa brought in. It said, "Warning, do not throw your empty seed packages away! You may need them to store your crops in." . . . Cornell is coaching a softball team, Jake is on the Garden Club Committee, Clint White is selling loam, Manuel Oliver will purchase a new car, Jack Walker's papering and painting business is starting to pick up, Chico and Proctor are looking for more twisters to set up. . . . Celebrating wedding anniversaries: George Robbins, Leopaul Gamelin, Jake Haringa.

GRINDER JOB

by Betty Ann Feen

For the month of June we extend birthday greetings to Vic Fagnant, Ray Roy and Bill LeBlanc. . . . Anniversary greetings for the month of June are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bouffard, who will celebrate their 31st on June 16. While we are on the subject of Freddy, we must also congratulate him for the outstanding work he has done since he has been chairman of the Boy Scout Committee in Manchaug. Freddy was presented with a certificate for his work at a banquet which was held May 9 in the Hotel Bancroft, Worcester. He has been chairman for fifteen years. . . . Lost: A hungry parakeet. Finder please return to Arthur Gauvin in Linwood. When Arthur bought his parakeet they gave him a box of bird seed and Arthur figured the box of bird seed was supposed to last forever. That was just a sample box, Arthur!

Our timekeeper, Mrs. Spencer, took a week-end trip last month to pick up her nephew in New York who had just arrived from England to stay with Mrs. Spencer and her family. She states he loves it over here and is very pleased with America and the people. He has started work in the Whitin Machine Works and enjoys it very much. . . . On May 25 all the girls on 426 and 411 and Mrs. Allen, our matron, spent a pleasant evening at the Colonial Club in Webster. The occasion was in honor of Ethel Asadoorian who left us to take up domestic duties. Ethel was presented with a gift of money during the course of the evening.

Sorry to hear that Bill Markarian, our grinder hand, is back in the hospital again. Hope he will have a speedy recovery and be back with us soon. . . . Good luck to Gus Gauthier on his new venture as a property owner. Gus has just purchased a home in Rochdale. . . . Bill Such is organizing a fishing party off Cape Cod for June 11 for some of the boys of 426. Result of the trip in the next issue.

Harold Kelliher, Department 410's Personality of the Month, finds his recreation in golfing and gardening. Both dig up the sail

STEEL FABRICATION AND CUT-OFF JOBS

by Maurice P. Valois

Today we want you to meet one of the hardest workers in our organization, none other than Harold J. Kelliher, planner on Department 410. He was born in Whitinsville on September 1, 1903, and yet he still claims to be 39 years old. He attended local schools and took a course in the Estate Sales School from which he graduated. He also was a W.M.W. apprentice during 1922. He is married to the former Celia E. Kane. They have three children: Veronica, now 21 years old, the wife of Merritt Tetreault; Richard, 19 years old, who is a tree surgeon; and James, 14 years old, now attending school. Harold has been with W.M.W. as a planner since 1941. Previously he worked as stock clerk and expediter for the Magneto outside purchased parts. Harold's hobbies are golfing and gardening. He is a good gardener.

We have in Department 432 a jovial worker who is always ready to help you. He is John Steele, Jr., born in Whitinsville on December 27, 1926. John attended Sutton High School for three years, then shifted to North High to take the agricultural course along with College History and English. He graduated in 1944. During World War II he was in the U. S. Navy and served on the carrier U.S.S. "Midway." On September 25, 1948 he was married to Frances Limanek of East Douglas at St. Denis Church. He has built his own home on William Ward Street in North Uxbridge. He is the son of John and Agnes Steele. John Sr. has a record with W.M.W. as being a faithful worker for the past 35 years. Johnny is active in all sports. At present he is the coach of the Rangers, Uxbridge Little League. His other hobbies include baseball, bowling, golf, and woodworking. He has a complete woodworking shop in his home basement. John is an apprentice at W.M.W. and has about six months to serve and then hopes to advance at Department 432.

Our congratulations to Frank Rousseau of Department 410. Frank's son, Leodor, age 22, will be ordained into Catholic priesthood this coming July 2 at Center Harbor, N. H., at the LaSalette Fathers Seminary.

Vacation Plans: Jerry Lemire is going to Old Orchard Beach. . . . Irene Mombourquette will visit Quebec. . . . Ernest Lemire will stop at Niagara Falls. . . . John Stanick will swim on Cape Cod. . . . Joseph Hvizdash will go to Pennsylvania and Ohio. . . . Emile Aussant will visit New York and Niagara Falls. . . . Richard Flinton will fish on Cape Cod. . . . Mike Bodnar will vacation at Snug Harbor, East Matunuck, R. I. . . . Mike Yozura will be deep-sea fishing at Block Island, R. I. . . . Rene Rock is going to Vermont. . . . Arthur J. Mercier will travel 300 miles north of Quebec for brook and lake fishing. . . . Pat DeBellis will greet guests at his summer camp on Gaspee Plateau, R. I. . . . Paul Grenier, Sr. will visit Montreal. . . . Henry Melanson will relax in New Hampshire. . . . Ovila St. Germain will journey to New York and up to the Thousand Islands. . . . Gaston Menard as usual will be in Canada. . . . Harvey Croteau will be the guest of friends at Forest Lake, Maine. . . . Tom J. Pottie will fish all around the states of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Those of you who have decided to stay home, make room for one more because that is where I will spend my vacation.

SPINDLE JOB

by Albert Cencak and Edward Bates

A few more new faces on the job—J. Creighton, H. Swart, R. E. Marchand, O. Goulet, and two who are not strangers to us—Vera Carr and Peg Devlin. . . . Frank Sampson, a likeable young fellow, left the job the first week of May. . . . Eva Barnes has had her fingers caught in a car and has taken a "hot rod" ride on a motorcycle which only made her dizzy. She tried to sneak a robin's egg into the parakeet cage, only to be called a "dirty bird" by her parakeet. We never have found out what she did get for a bowling score the week of April 23. . . . Jim Robbins went deep sea fishing at Block Island. We asked if he got sick, and Jim said, "No." . . . Coming to work one morning Jim saw what looked like a big bomber with smoke pouring out of it heading for him about 20 feet off the ground. Jim thought that "this was it," for he was expecting the plane to crash, but it turned out that it was only a transport that was spraying the woodlands with D.D.T. This should have been enough for one day, but when Jim went home that night he opened the refrigerator and out fell his cat, frozen stiff. Wasn't that a cold one?

Tony Rose found the car keys of a local hardware store owner in the front seat of

Harry Galloway, night supervisor and Department 439's Personality of the Month, is a confirmed trader who enjoys swapping most anything anytime

his car in the parking lot. The question is, "How did they get there?" . . . Chet Jones celebrated his 20th wedding anniversary on April 27. . . . Leo Lubas celebrated his 9th wedding anniversary on May 11. . . . Oscar Mooradian was out for a few days as the result of an auto accident. No one was seriously hurt. . . . Albert Cencak's daughter, Mary, celebrated her 3rd birthday on May 2. . . . Everett Bishop has transferred from the second shift to the first to pinch hit for his brother Al while he has an eye operation. He had one eye successfully operated on last year. . . . We don't know where Red Kershaw took dancing lessons, but he does a mean ballet to the shop music. . . . If you have ever heard a laughing machine at an amusement park fun house, then you would enjoy Elsie Magowan's laugh when she really gets rolling. . . . Joe Antosh is the puppeteer of our department. Joe puts on a noontime show with his pet monkey. . . . Arthur Clark, now retired, dropped in for a visit. Arthur looks good for a man 77 years young. . . . Spofford Boone, who many thought they would not see again, dropped in for a visit. For a man who is just out of the hospital he looks like a million. . . . George Hamm has a "tough luck" son. His latest misfortune is a cut jaw. . . . Vera Carr has lost ten pounds?? . . . Joseph Peltice received his 40-year pin on May 10. . . . We saw John Lamont. He is having trouble flexing his wrist but expects to be back soon. . . . A few men of the department are planning deep-sea fishing trips. In the next issue of the SPINDLE we will give you the results. . . . When Leon "Ike Walton" Fletcher sets his motor on full throttle, bystanders wonder whether he will take off like a guided missile or not. . . . Ed Bates has something he calls a boat. Others say its a mud scow or a sub. Dave Cooper tells us that when Ed goes on the pond, all the other boats make a beeline for shore. . . . Elmer Farley's daughter-in-law and two grandchildren left for Japan on May 12 to rejoin her husband, William Farley. . . . Did you know that Leo Dussault is

Frederick A. Willis

Thomas W. Mateer

NEW APPOINTMENTS

On April 6, 1955, General Superintendent John H. Cunningham appointed three assistant foremen: Thomas W. Mateer, Frederick A. Willis and Duty E. Caswell.

Thomas W. Mateer has been appointed Assistant Foreman of Inside Main Plant Electrical Maintenance, Department 470, reporting to Mr. Burton A. Robie. He has been a Whitin employee since September 18, 1920. Tom and Mildred Mateer live at 205 Goldthwaite Road, Whitinsville. They have two sons, 25-year old William and 19-year old Thomas, Jr.

Frederick A. Willis has been appointed Assistant Foreman of Plant Electrical Engineering and Outside Electrical Maintenance, Department 470, reporting to Mr. Burton A. Robie. Fred began work here April 22, 1946, as a Northeastern cooperative student. He and his wife Aileen live at 2 Leland Road, Whitinsville.

Duty E. Caswell has been appointed Assistant Foreman of Department 443 in charge of all winder operations, reporting to Mr. Robert Wilson. Duty, a Whitin employee since November 11, 1942, was formerly assistant foreman of Department 449. He and his wife Beatrice live on Hemlock Street, South Douglas, with their two children, 15-year old Duty III and 12-year old Sue Ellen.

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a special police officer, auxiliary police captain in civilian defense, and is also a Memorial and Armistice Day committee man in Bellingham. Leo didn't say whether he would fix traffic tickets or not, though. . . . "Whistle while you work," is George Hamm's theme. George whistles continuously all day long. . . . John Vanderploeg celebrated his 70th birthday April 22.

Personality of the Month: Harry Galloway was born in Pascoag, R. I. in 1910. He was educated in Burriville. He came to work in 1937 for Whitins. Harry has two children and he owns his own home. He likes hunting and fishing and is what you would call a "trader." Harry will trade anything.

RING JOB

by Robert E. Balcome

In the Women's Bowling League in Whitinsville is a team called "The Waves." This team has had a very successful season and came out on top. One of our inspectors has been instrumental in helping the team get to this position. It is very difficult to get information from this modest lady, but Alice Dionne has o.k.'d this much. She, along with other team members, each received a trophy for the good score they made as well as having their picture in the SPINDLE and in one of the local newspapers. Congratulations, Alice, to you and to your teammates. . . . Joe Witek's car stalled while he was on the way to work a few weeks ago. We have heard that the cause was that his fuel tank contained over 75% water. And while the subject is still Joe, we wish to congratulate him on receiving his 15-year pin. . . . As this material goes to the SPINDLE office, Margaret Marshall is on another of her trips to New York with a party of friends, having arisen at 3 a.m. We hope she'll bring us back some news of the old town. . . . Birthday greetings to Alice Dionne, Colbert Fontaine, Louis Roy, Alphonse Pariseau, Roland Breault and George Charpentier, who were left out last month, and to Peter Kooistra, Richard Lemay, William Gjeltema and your reporter for this month. . . . Welcome to the newcomers to our department. Leo Hudon is a new man to us and Roland Roy and Domina Cadorette have both worked here before.

Noticing a smile on Alphonse Pariseau's face recently, we stopped and inquired into the cause for rejoicing. He had received a new broom, the first in 38 years. Others got new brooms from time to time, but this was his first. . . . Hope you all have pleasant vacations and BRING BACK SOME PICTURES.

CORE ROOM

by John Korowski

Omer Parent is recovering from an emergency appendectomy. We all wish him a speedy recovery. Omer was stricken at night and was rushed to the hospital at 2:00 a.m. . . . Congratulations to Martin Sharkey who received his 40-year pin.

The Core Room was represented at the Old-Timers' Banquet by Joseph Baillargeon, Garabed Bedrosian and Arsan Ovoian. . . . "Lefty" Houle has joined the ranks of the fishermen. I understand "Lefty" caught a hornpout recently but couldn't get it off his hook. . . . Ovilla Brooks sold his ranch in Rice City. No more livestock for Ovilla, who says he'll stick to the wood business. . . . If anyone has any wallpapering problems just call on Joe Lucier. He's the best little paper hanger in North Uxbridge.

This is a very busy season for our many home gardeners. This fine hobby is enjoyed by Zeigi Buczynski, Arsan Ovoian, Bedros Almasian, "Mitt" Leduc, Eddie Nejadlik and Pete Malo. Looks like we'll have plenty of tomatoes and cucumbers again this year.

WOOD PATTERNS

by Vera Taylor

In one fell swoop we welcome back Florence Bileau and Bob Shaw and say adieu to Margaret Devlin. Peg had been filling in ably for Florence who has a new daughter, Anne Marie, to account for her absence. . . . We hope that Wilfred Whitney has improved and will be back with us soon. . . . Wedding anniversaries this month include: Mr. and Mrs. Donat Bileau, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McGovern, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Houghton, Mr. and Mrs. L. Earle Newcombe, and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Fournier. We wish them many more happy ones. Celebrating birthdays are Marie Donatelli, Clarence Visser and, in the service, Edward Plante. Many happy returns all, and we hope to see you back soon, Eddie. . . . Marie Donatelli, our personality last month, reports that her daughter Nena was omitted from the report last month. Miss Donatelli, a sophomore in Uxbridge High School, is active in sports. An apology is certainly due her.

New Bedford Textile School sent thirty-four students on their annual visitation to the Whitin Machine Works on April 13. The group toured the Plant and the Research Division and had lunch at the Cafeteria. Fred Odell, assisted by Adam Davidson, Howard Dunford, Arthur Litke, and Elmer Benton, guided the visitors

PAYROLL COMPUTATION, TABULATING, BUDGETS, STATEMENTS AND TIMEKEEPING

by Bob English

Fred Garcelon of Statements has taken an early vacation (one week) to take care of his gardening and rototilling. . . . Former employee, Joan (McFarlane) Jones of Tabulating is now working at Crompton & Knowles, Worcester, in a similar capacity. . . . An additional Yorkaire Conditioning Unit, which is expected to add to the comfort of all, has been installed in the Tabulating Department. During the installation, a carpenter accidentally stepped off the catwalk and left his imprint on the ceiling. We are happy to report there were no casualties. . . . Birthday greetings for May: Ernie Chase, Anne Plantinga, Jean Buczynski and Pauline Reynolds. . . . Fay Goggins of Payroll whipped up an evening meal for her two children and hard-working husband, but evidently adlibbed on the recipe. The net results, sans one ingredient, could be called a Davy Crockett Stew. . . . George Woodward of Payroll was honored with a visit from Bishop Wright at his home, 306 Church Street, on May 5. . . . George Tasso, Ernst & Ernst consultant, backed into the elevator while another passenger at the controls caused the machine to come to a stop between floors. Twenty minutes later, without the aid of the Fire Department, George was rescued. Fortunately this delay did not cause him to miss train connections.

The opening of the softball season was delayed one week, as Mike Marker was unable to outfit the teams in "aqua-togs." . . . The Little Leaguers, decked in new uniforms, got off to an auspicious start with a doubleheader on Saturday, May 7.

Personality of the Month: William B. Hall of the Tabulating Department entered the employ of Whitin as a time clerk in Department 421. After serving a short apprenticeship, he transferred to the Tabulating Department. Bill is now a Whitin veteran of fifteen years. His present duties as assistant supervisor of the statements section of Tabulating consist of being responsible for payroll distribution and burden analysis reports, sales reports, and miscellaneous assignments. Bill was born in Millbury, where he graduated from Millbury High School, class of '35. He also attended Northeastern at night for four years. His first job was with the A & P Stores, where he worked in various places throughout the valley (Millbury, Whitinsville and Uxbridge) over a five-year period. Bill had four years in service (Army—Tech. Sergeant). He did not get out of the country but saw service on both the east coast and the west coast. He was with the detached enlisted men for two years and also in the transportation corp. Bill lives at 26 Main Street, Whitinsville, with his wife Eileen (Brosnahan) and daughters, Susan, age 11, and Martha, age 5. Bill is a busy man these days fishing. Anglers like Billy have found that they can increase the pleasure and add to the challenge of fishing by using light tackle in taking small fish. Bill uses a spinning rod and is not adverse to dunking a worm. The fly rod, once rarely seen away from the trout stream, is now being pressed into service on lakes and even in the ocean. Bill has also used the light, strong, hollow fiberglass rod which is comparatively new on the market. The simple fact that small fish outnumber large fish undoubtedly is the real stimulus in light tackle fishing. I found Bill really cooperative in relating his experiences. You will also find he is pleasant, conscientious, and a stickler for details in his every day duties.

PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

by Tad Wallace and Marge Newton

The Production Department Golf League is in high gear, and at this writing the league is being headed by three teams: Ray Duggan and his Sandtrappers, Hank Cant and the Dubs and the Par-4's led by Ted Bisson. Don't get me wrong, these teams have only been able to obtain a small lead, with a couple of bad nights the entire complexion of the league will be changed. . . . Number "13" is supposed to be an unlucky number. This could possibly be true in a couple of instances when you consider No. 13 storesroom. First of all, Tom Cawley has been sporting a bandaged wrist (this is supposed to be a result of Tom participating in a softball game with some girls) and recently Lester Dermody cut his finger while examining a bar in the same storesroom.

William B. Hall, Tabulating Department Personality of the Month, is a fisherman who likes the wide open spaces

MYSTERY PHOTO. Last month's mystery photo was Foreman Ernest Lawson of the Plating Department. This month's triple-threat picture shows persons well-known in the Shop

Vacation will soon be here. Last year we called for everyone to tell us where they had spent their vacations and to give us some pictures. The response was not too good, hence the invitation again this year. Let us have the pictures and the story of your vacation. . . . Patty (Duggan) McNamara has left the Production Department for a new position at Wyman-Gordon. Pat's many friends wish her much happiness in her new job. . . . As you read this issue of the SPINDLE, just compare your column with some others. You will find that yours is very small when you consider the size of the department and the number of personnel in it. We are looking for some features to write about. For instance, do you have an interesting hobby? If you have, why don't you give your reporter the information and we will follow it up.

The following note has been posted on the Office Bulletin Board. However, this will not be seen by all who may be interested, hence we would like to take this opportunity to have the contents published.

To All My Friends

Words cannot express the way I felt when I received your very wonderful gift and the beautiful bouquet of flowers. I'll never forget your kindness. All I can say is "thank you" and God bless you all for your friendship.

Sincerely,

JULIA

Julie is still recuperating from her illness and this note should let people know that their gestures of friendship and kindness are always appreciated.

METHODS

by Jean Cunningham

This seems to be the time when I should say "now is the time for all good members of the department to come to the aid of this reporter." News isn't coming in very fast. . . . Sam Mateer is looking for volunteers to help him paint his house. Anyone interested? . . . Larry Hayman also has a small problem. He is fixing up his summer camp located in Charleston. A coat of paint, etc. will do a lot to brighten things up down there. . . . Herbie Andrews also is still working on his house. He has had a hard time for two weeks as his wife has been away and Herbie has had to "batch" it. He was glad to see Mrs. Andrews home again. . . . Lydia Hickey is back with us again after having a sick leave. There seems to be quite a lot of illness around the office lately. Perhaps now that good weather has arrived, things will be different. We sure hope so. . . . Birthday greetings this month go to Herbert Andrews, Charles Brouwer, George Hartley, Francis Mateer, Simon Wiersma, Mary Anderson, Lydia Hickey, James Dundas, and Frank Martin. . . . Rose Shugrue has left George Fullerton's office to join her husband who has returned from Alaska and is stationed in Maine for awhile. . . . Happy wedding anniversaries to Mr. and Mrs. James Shaw and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Boyd. . . . I hope to get some more news for next month, but this is it for now. I can't understand the reason, but it just seems that if a person is not sick he isn't doing anything. His reason, I guess, is trying to keep well! . . . We welcome Harry Bedigian and hope he will enjoy his stay with us.

COST DEPARTMENT

by Dick Hanny and Pauline Hagan

The welcome mat is out this month for Shirley McNamara. Shirley has a three-year old son named Jimmy and hails from Linwood. . . . Summer must be creeping upon us. Jim Shaw is polishing up the old golf clubs and even threatening to teach the little lady how to play. . . . Ted Fronczak, Leo Imondi, Lucien Horent and Helen Sitnik are to be commended for helping to save our forests from fire. While riding home from work one night they discovered a fire spreading in the woods. The boys climbed out and tried to keep it under control while "Paul Revere" Sitnik rode into Millville, sounded the alarm and brought back the fire department, which promptly extinguished the blaze and probably saved many acres of burnt land and forests. . . . We were all startled one quiet afternoon, when "Baby Ben," a new alarm clock purchased by one of the girls, decided to see how much noise it could make. Eve Lundberg, the owner, says she had nothing to do with it and is still looking for the culprit who set the alarm. . . . We would like to welcome back Ann Wojtalik and hope her daughter has fully recovered from her recent accident. . . . Some friends of Armand Plouffe have sent him a "Do it yourself" painting outfit to help while away the hours. We understand he has discovered a hidden talent. He may be another Norman Rockwell in the making. . . . Telix Richard has been a busy man lately for he recently received a diploma upon completion of a course in quality control at Worcester Junior College and also was among the representatives of the National Association of Cost Accountants who toured Wyman-Gordon Company in Grafton.

Congratulations go to Leo Imondi upon receiving his five-year service pin. . . . Mr. Roland Farrar recently was chosen to be on a National Television program, "Strike It Rich." He answered his questions like a veteran product estimator. . . . Wedding anniversaries: Lucien and Pauline Horent, their 4th; Cleveland and Pauline Reynolds, their 11th; Charles and Sadie Garabedian, their 13th; Simone and Phil Grenier, their 18th; Ray and Elizabeth Colby, their 33rd. . . . Birthday greetings to Donald Rae and Larry Sarafian.

WAGE STANDARDS

by Donald H. Amiro

Wage Standards has had to bow again to the Air Force: Raymond Ballou has returned to the service and is now stationed in Bangor, Maine. . . . Don Mateer has been transferred to the Treasurer's Department. . . . Joan Baker has a fine diamond ring in token of her engagement to James Landry of Uxbridge.

Marilyn Blair not only was on the basketball team that was picked for being such fine sportswomen but also holds the high honor of being chosen as one of the all stars of the NEAAU, a New England-wide organization. . . . Alexander Peloquin, the director of the Glee Club, has accepted the position of Music Director at Boston College. He expects to start in September. He will continue as director of the Glee Club. . . . That beautiful new Buick Century in the Clerical Parking Area be-

ongs to "Babe" Rosa. Arthur Broadhurst is now driving a Nash Beach Wagon. Gordon L. Spence is now driving one of those smart 1955 Rambler Beach Wagons. . . . At this writing no one is out sick, but this department has had its share of cases of the "bug" during the cold season. . . . Birthdays for this period were observed by Joan Baker and Jocelyn Shaw.

REPAIR SALES DEPARTMENT

by Joyce Rondeau

Birthday greetings this month to R. G. McKaig, Ruth Crothers, Orrin Austin and Fred Hanny! . . . Happy anniversary to Marion Merchant. . . . Chet Walker attended a Thirtieth Class Reunion at Bates College. Dinner was held at the famous Poland Spring House. Chet says it doesn't seem like 30 years since his college days! . . . Joy Varteresian recently spent a week end in New York City. While there she saw the Broadway hit, "The Seven Year Itch." . . . Elmer Benton has been out sick for several weeks. We hope he will soon be well enough to be back with us. . . . The Order Processing Section once again went out for dinner. This time they dined at the Worcester Airport. I hear they attacked the Smörgåsbord just like they do the rush orders! Edna L'Esperance recently attended commencement exercises at Bates College. . . . Fran Von Flatern Christopher, formerly of this office, has become a mother of a baby girl. Fran and her husband Earl are now living in Newark, New Jersey. . . . One day last month Mr. Nelson was going up to camp to get his boat out of dry dock. Mrs. Nelson wisely warned Al to be careful that he didn't fall in the water. Of course Mr. Nelson protested, saying he was no baby and that he had been launching that boat for forty years. Results: Mr. Nelson ended up in Meadow Pond, soaking wet from hat to shoes! So far he is the only member of the office to go swimming! . . . I think we should note and thank Herb Lightbown for bringing the girls some of his beautiful flowers for their desks. It certainly brightens up the office.

To Henry Croteau and Diane (Gautreau) Croteau, a daughter, Denise on April 22.

To Stuart K. White, apprentice molder, and Mrs. White, a daughter, Cynthia Lee, weight 7 lbs. 6 oz., at Whitinsville Hospital on April 17.

To Clifford S. Chesley, formerly of Department 489 and now serving aboard the *U.S.S. Worcester*, and Mrs. Chesley, a son, Clifford S., Jr., at Whitinsville Hospital on March 1.

To Mrs. Eleanor Baca, a son, at Whitinsville Hospital.

To Robert Smalarz, Department 439, and Mrs. Smalarz, a son, Michael Paul, weight 6 lbs. 4½ oz., at Mercy Hospital, Woonsocket on May 4.

To Jake Sohigian, Department 429, and Mrs. Sohigian, a daughter at Whitinsville Hospital on May 8.

To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lachapelle, a daughter, Mary Ann, weight 5 lbs. 6 oz. on Patriot's Day, April 19, in Whitinsville Hospital.

To Ernest Donais, Department 428, and Mrs. Donais, a son, Richard Joseph, at Whitinsville Hospital on April 5.

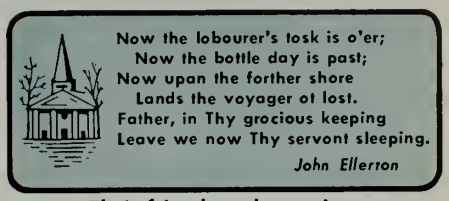
The engagement of Joan Baker, Wage Standards, to James Landry of Uxbridge has been announced.

Archie Misakian and Helen Altoonian were married on April 24.

John Dominick of Department 401 and Madeline I. Moon of Woonsocket, R. I. married May 30, in Sacred Heart Church in Woonsocket, R. I.

Miss Rosalie Anita Tracy, daughter of Vernard Tracy of Department 408, became the bride of Jack R. Leipper at the Church of the Nazarene, Woonsocket, on April 9, 1955

Harold Gilmore, son of Lawrence Gilmore of the Wood Pattern Shop, married to Mary Frieswyk on June 4.



Their friends and associates extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved

Family and friends of Arthur Wright, 78, of 28 Main Street, Whitinsville, who died on April 27 at the Memorial Hospital, Worcester. Mr. Wright, who was born in Preston, England, had lived in Whitinsville for 47 years. For 44 years he was an employee at the Whitin Machine Works.

Survivors and friends of Benjamin Eugene Bates, 85, of 16 Park Street, Webster, who died in Webster District Hospital on April 29. A retired employee of the Whitin Machine Works, Mr. Bates was a Shriner and the owner and operator of Bates Grove.

Friends and survivors of Moses Marsoopian, 65, of 181 Church Street, Whitinsville, who died at the Memorial Hospital, Worcester, on May 8. A native of Armenia, he was employed for 40 years in the Foundry.

Harry Bailey on the loss of his brother, Ira, age 58, in Providence on April 25.

James and Susanna Gusney on the death of their mother Ann Gusney.

Llewellyn Chapman and family on the death of Mrs. Chapman.

William Neulieb on the death of his father-in-law.

Family and friends of Elizabeth Hoogendyke.

Emile Merchant on the loss of his father.

Family and friends of John Cencak.

Osias J. Chenette on the recent death of his brother, Hormidas, in St. Hyacinthe, Canada.

Walter Surowiec on the death of his father-in-law.

Mike Baiano on the death of his mother-in-law.

Clarence Aldrich, Department 428, on the death of his mother.

Armand St. Andre, Department 448C, on the death of his mother.

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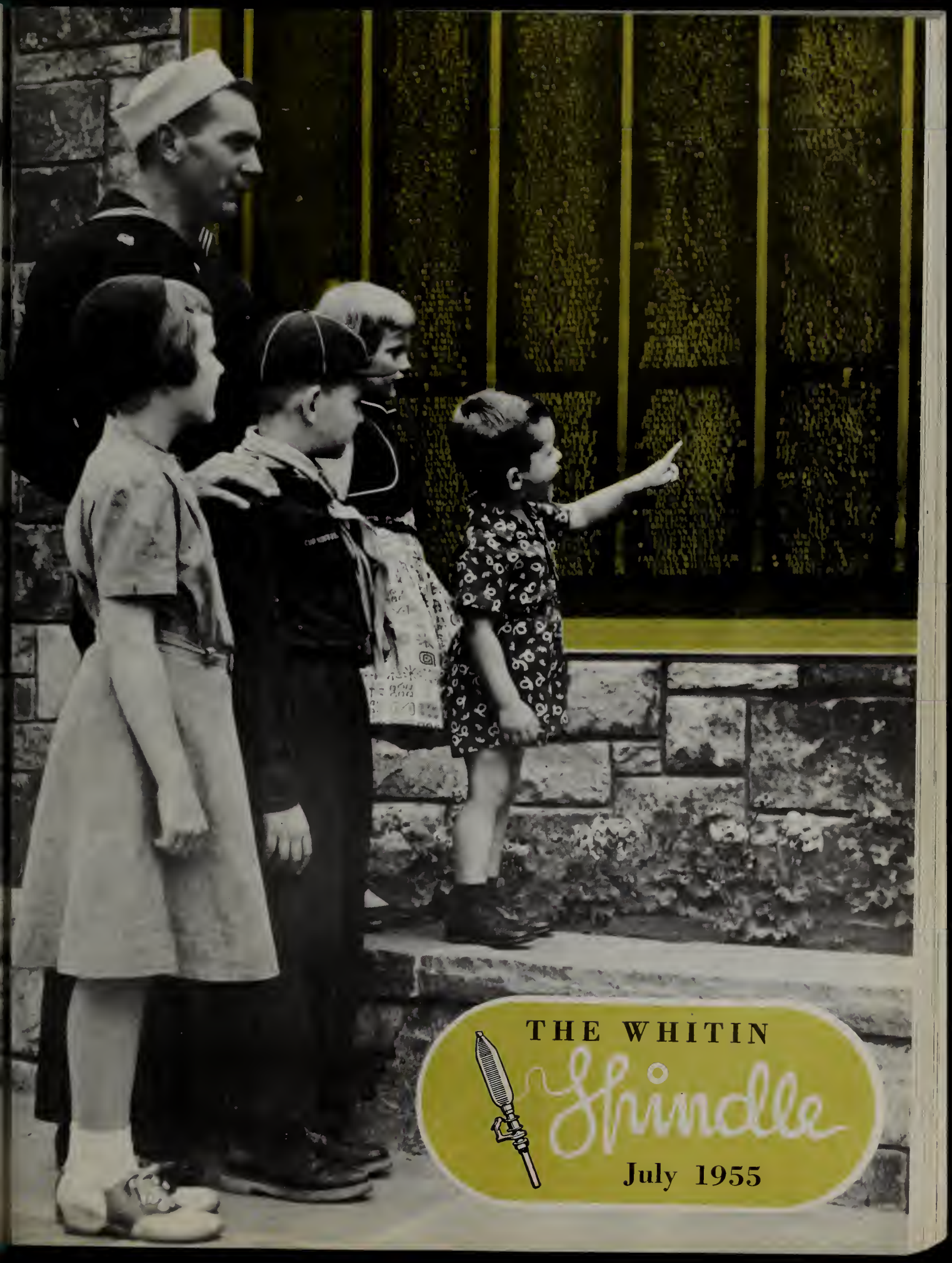

THE WHITIN Spindle

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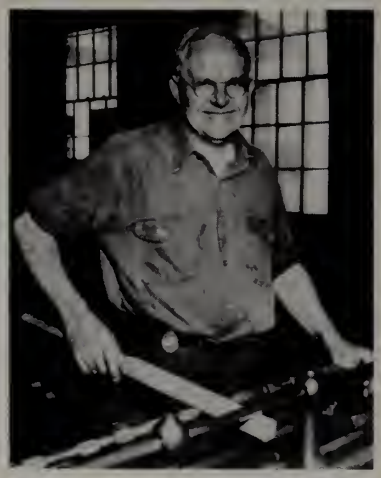
Familiar Faces

Around the Plant



Sipka Oppawall, of the Roll Job, was born in Holland in 1891. He lives on Fletcher Street, Whitinsville and has 5 children and 9 grondchildren. He enjoys TV and reading

Archie Ledue, an inspector on the Flyer Job, and Ellen Ledue live in the house they own in Whitinsville. He hos 30 years seniority at Whitin. His hobby—bowling

Morilyn Dexter, Credit Union, lives at 1 Loke Street, Whitinsville. She hos been a Whitin employee for 8 years. She lists among her favorite hobbies tennis and movies

Pouline Hagan, of Cost, come here 12 years ago. She is a reporter for "The Whitin Spindle" and lives in Uxbridge. Pauline enjoys trovelling and toking photographs

Simon Ploegstra, Deportment 446, wos born in Holland in 1887. Siman and Bertha own the house in which they live on Pleasant Street, Whitinsville. His pastime is reading

Carroll Gile, a Group Leader in Department 441, has worked in the some department for 35 years. He ond his wife Mary have 1 son ond they live in Whitinsville

Edword Bibeou, Department 438, wos born in Rockdale. During World War I he served overseas with the infantry. He has 40 yeors at Whitin. Edword has a doughter

A Clean Sweep

Above: Because of the noture of their work, the members of the Cleoning Department ore scattered throughaut the entire plant. At times when their aremon moy be ot the apposite end of the shap, the group leaders ond upervisars must be willing ta accept additianal responsibility. Foreman Bill ibbey goes over the work schedule with his graup leoders ond supervisor. rom the left: Peter Kusiak, John King, John Mortel, Alvin Goyette, ond Bill Libbey

If you pile enough molehills together, you get a mountain—and moving such a mountain is the task of the seventy men and women supervised by Foreman Cedric P. "Bill" Libbey. This mountain is a colossal mound of dirt, a small part of which is brought into the plant by Whitin employees, but most of which is an unwanted by-product of our manufacturing processes. Each machine in each department daily creates a tiny amount of dirt. Added together, those tiny amounts total

Normally these women would be cleaning in several offices, but they were brought together for the purpose of taking this picture. The many offices require regular and efficient cleaning. From the left: Dorothy Johnson, Dorothy VanderAkker, Hermine Boucher, Pauline Hoogoion, and Mary Cencak

Both ferrous and non-ferrous scrap is picked up for sale, and it is the task of these truckers to tronsport it to collecting areas. From the left: Fred Rondeau and Joseph Ball

A Clean Sweep (Continued)

thousands of cubic yards a year which must be swept up, hauled out, and trucked to the dump.

That mountain does not include any of the tons of paper which must be gathered up and burned in the incinerator, nor does it include dirt from the Foundry, for Department 404 has its own clean-up crew. It does not include turnings, borings, or scrap wood used as kindling, nor does it include any of the dirt that is washed down the drains. It is dirt which accumulates daily in departments, offices, and aisles throughout the forty-five acres of floor space.

The entire Whitin team functions more efficiently because of the Cleaning Department. First, their scouring, scrubbing and disinfecting keep disease and insect life from spreading. Second, a clean plant is a safer and more pleasant place in which to work.

Washrooms

The cleaning force consists of sixty-two men and eight women including a clerk. Part of their job is to clean and disinfect daily each of the eighty-six washrooms. Each year the shop uses fifteen drums of liquid detergents for this purpose. Each year a ton of powdered hand soap is bought for the washrooms. Each week the shop uses ten large cases of paper towels.

Office Cleaning

Formerly each office was cleaned daily, but when business became slack about thirty persons were laid off from the cleaning crews. Now certain offices are cleaned daily and most offices every other day. Waste-

The cleaning task is made easier by power equipment, a variety of which is shown here. From the left: two Tennant sweepers, heavy-duty vacuum cleaner, Spencer vacuum cleaner, sump vacuum, steam cleaner, two floor machines

he king-size vacuum cleaner is used for heavy-duty cleaning anywhere in the Shop. From the left: Simon Elmasian and Jacques Ehret

The safety of the entire Shop may depend on the care and skill with which Winfred Flinton does his work. It is his job to inspect and recharge over 375 fire extinguishers of seven different types. The extinguisher he is recharging is a type well suited for putting out oil fires

On an average day the department recovers and bales four of these 120-pound bales of aluminum turnings. Andrew Cherwinski removes a bale from the press

askets and ash trays are emptied; furniture dusted nd periodically washed; floors swept and given the ppropriate type of cleaning.

The cleaning of floors is an art in itself, for in the hitin plant are eight different types of floors and floor overings, each requiring a different type of cleaning. hese types are piled rugs, terrazzo, mastic, rubber tile, notile, battleship linoleum, wood, and cement.

There are a number of problems connected with the cleaning of the office section. For example, all of the wastebaskets from certain offices must be held for twenty-four hours before the contents are burned. This precaution is taken lest valuable papers be lost. From time to time, inside glass partitions and woodwork must be washed. The proper cleaning of offices is a demanding job.

Shop Departmental Cleaning

Two groups clean Shop departments. The first group is made up of ten men, each regularly assigned to clean a certain department. The second is the general clean-up crew of nine men. This crew cleans over 1,000,000 square feet of floor space in other departments as needed. A third group of three men uses machines to clean five miles of aisles and alleys.

Removal of Scrap

Each night four men operate electric trucks, moving scrap material from the spots where it was collected to several disposal areas. In addition to the floor sweepings, these men pick up each week a carload—80,000 pounds—of cast iron borings, 60,000 pounds of steel turnings, several barrels of used cutting oils, and other ferrous and non-ferrous scrap that can be reused or sold.

Shop Towels

Another task of the department is to pick up and deliver a million-and-a-half shop towels a year. The

A Clean Sweep (Continued)

Window washing is no job for a person afraid of height. Alton White and Frederick Shaw, securely hooked by safety belts, clean windows on the third floor

The frequency with which the sediment has to be cleaned from the grinde varies with the amount the grinder is used. Some of the more than 1 grinders are cleaned several times a week, others less frequently. Fro the left: Leon Metevier and Joachim Paulhus

average shop towel is usable for from six to eight washings, and then is sent to the Paint Department for use as rags.

Supervision

"Bill" has been called "Bill" for so many years that he has almost forgotten that he was christened Cedric P. Libbey. A quiet, six-foot, 170-pound Vermonter, his job is to have complete charge of the entire cleaning crew. As his crew is scattered throughout the entire plant, his chief duties are to assign work, to hear complaints, to take appropriate action to rectify conditions, and to act as a general trouble-shooter. He lives at 23 Quaker Street with his wife Madelyn and the 6-year old daughter Diane.

He is assisted by Supervisor Al Goyette, who is i charge of the night crew. Al, Captain of Number Fire Company, lives at 38 Main Street, Whitinsvill with Helen Goyette, his wife. The Goyettes hav three children and four grandchildren.

The senior employees in this department are: Sero Kizirian, 29 years; Joseph E. Boucher, 22 years; Tore Norozian, 22 years; Osman Hassen, 22 years.

The night shift of fifty-two workers is supervised by Alvin Goyette, shown discussing the evening's work with Omer Leduc, left, and Walter Weseluk. These men clean the aisles each night

A cut from a broken fluorescent tube could cause phosphor poisoning. Whitin tubes are broken and washed clean before the broken glass is s to the dump. The mask worn by Albert Laliberte prevents him from inhali any of the toxic material

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JULY 1ST AND 4TH BIG BIRTHDAYS

While we on this side of the unguarded, invisible border celebrated the Fourth of July, the Canadians celebrated the First of July—Dominion Day. It was on July 1, 1867, that the British North American Act went into effect and the new Dominion of Canada came into existence.

At its inception, the Dominion was composed of four provinces—Ontario and Quebec (the two units into which the old province of Canada had been divided), and New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Newfoundland was the tenth and last, in 1949, to join the Dominion.

FRONT COVER: The new monument in Memorial Square was raised in order that future generations may not forget those who served their country in World War II and the Korean Conflict. Douglas Carr, Sr., a veteran and a trustee for the Memorial, explains the significance of the monument to his children, 8-year old Judith Ann, 11-year old Douglas, Jr., 7-year old Jeannie Lou, and 3-year old Bruce Morton.

Whitin Personality

IN spite of fire, flood, and hurricane, E. Ernest Plante, mill layout engineer, remains loyal to Manchaug, the village where he was born on November 21, 1903. Ernest is proud of his loyalty, and points out that the Plantes were among the first families to settle in that section of Sutton. He lives in the pleasant nine-room, one-story house on Mumford Street, which his father had built over forty years ago.

He went to the Sutton public schools and, after graduation from high school, attended Northeastern University in Boston. He completed his education at Brown University. His first job was with the engineering department of General Electric in Lynn. He came to Whitin in 1922.

Today his work is planning the layout of machinery installations for all types of foreign and domestic textile mills. He finds his work challenging and of interest, for the mill operators in the various countries demand differing layouts. For example, American installations demand the maximum utilization of space while European installations allow more room for appearance.

For twelve years prior to World War II, Ernest sang and played with the dance orchestra known as "Silver Rhythm." Today he and Mrs. Plante, the former Mary Gilroy of Whitinsville, have shared the hobby of taking colored slides of scenery since their wedding on October 16, 1937. They have a collection of a thousand pictures, three hundred of which they regard as first-rate, and have set up a theatre in the basement in which to show them. Their ambition is to tour Europe in order to take more pictures for their collection.

Ernest is a member of the Sutton School Board, and the Sutton Men's Civic Club.

On Memorial Day o monument to those who served in World War II and in the Koreon Conflict was dedicated. Mr. E. Kent Swift, Sr., gove the dedicotory oddress

New War Memorial Dedicated

THE highlight of the Memorial Day observance this year was the dedication of the new memorial to Northbridge veterans of World War II and the Korean War.

The memorial, which is constructed of Northbridge fieldstone, has a bronze encased plaque bearing the names of the veterans who served. More than 3,000 local people attended the dedication ceremonies at Memorial Square. Mr. E. Kent Swift, Chairman of the Memorial Committee, was the dedication speaker. His address in part was as follows:

"We are gathered here today, on this Memorial Day, to dedicate this monument which has been raised to perpetuate the services and the memory of those of our fellow townsmen and townswomen who have served their country in the great crisis of the Second World War and later in the Korean Conflict. It is a matter of great pride when I tell you that on the tablet there are the names of 1,640 men and women who served in the Second World War and, on the tablet, also there are names of 278 men and women who served in the Korean Conflict, or a total of 1,918 members of our community are represented on the tablet of this Memorial Monument which will be shortly unveiled. When one takes into consideration the fact that the population of Northbridge is somewhere

Below: Prior to the unveiling, ten units marched from Memorial Square to Pine Grove Cemetery by way of Linwood Avenue ond returned vio Church Street. The line of morch was led by the Northbridge Auxiliory Police

between 10,000 and 11,000 people, it must be very gratifying to everyone to feel that nearly 20 per cent of our people have responded to the call of the Nation and have served their country in varying capacities in those times of crises. Each and every one of our inhabitants in the Town of Northbridge, which includes Linwood, Riverdale, Rockdale, Northbridge Center, and Whitinsville, share in the honor which they have brought to this community.

"Today, we are gathered here to dedicate, primarily, the names of those who wore the uniforms of our country during the Second World War and the Korean Conflict. And this monument of stone with these names in bronze, erected in the center of our Town, will be a lasting Memorial. This monument will enable each one whose name is on the bronze tablet to realize a source of pride in the fact that each did his or her duty, and they will be able to point out to their friends, relatives, and children, as the years go by, that their contribution to the welfare of the country during critical times, has not been left unnoticed and that a grateful Town has erected on the central spot a Memorial which will stand for years and years. There will be those who will not be able to see this Memorial as they gave up their lives in the service of their country. Against their names you will see a gold star and it is in their honor that these Memorial Services are conducted today. It is to be noted that there are 58 gold stars on this Memorial. Would that they could be here with us today but we will always cherish their memories.

"This Memorial will be a source of inspiration to those who come after us, as it is in a form which will endure for many generations."

The completed monument, o fitting and dignified tribute to the Northbridge veterans, is located in Memorial Square, Whitinsville. The trustees for the Soldiers War Memorial World Wor II were, from the left: Douglas S. Carr, Arthur R. Broadhurst, E. Kent Swift, Sr., Comille Guertin. Paul Whitin, another member of the committee, was absent os he was in Europe at the time of the dedication

bove: Among the other units honoring those who served their country wos the Northbridge High School bond

Below: A crowd estimated ot more thon three thousond persons witnessed the ceremony

Left: Bill Brauwer, wa the first local entry t cross the finish line in th five mile road race. H finished in 11th plac and was awarded th Robert A. Parker Trophy

Below: On the right Northbridge Selectma Curtis M. Carr congrat ulates Paul Murphy, Hol Cross, on his record break ing time of 4 minute 19 seconds, for the Whit insville Mile. He wa awarded the Curtis M and Douglas S. Car stop watch trophy. O the left is Ralph Colso who is the State directo of physical education an a member of the Olympi committee. Second fro the left is Bart Sullivan for 42 years the re nowned track coach o Holy Cross College an the Dean of New Englan track coaches

Above left: Jae Tyler, U. S. Navy, flawn in fram a Cuban base, won the five-mile raad race. Fred Schaeffler, af New Yark A. C., was secand and Charles Dysan, Finnish-American A. C., was third. The time af 25 minutes and 4 secands broke the recard set by Tarzan Brawn in 1937 af 26.00.2. Tyler was awarded the J. Albert Cullen Memarial Trophy by Thamas J. Cullen. On the right, assisting in the presentatian, is John J. Sheehan, President af the New England Assaciation of the Amateur Athletic Unian. (Tyler's time was anly 28.6 secands above warld's recard.)

15 Records Shattered

IN WHITINSVILLE TRACK MEET

THE track was fast, the air was still, and 300 athletes were in top form for the Third Annual All Star Track and Field Meet sponsored by the Whitinsville Track and Field Association and sanctioned by the New England Association of the Amateur Athletic Union at Lasell Memorial Field on June 4.

It was an exciting day for the spectators as well as the athletes for fifteen local track records were broken by top performers from leading universities, colleges, high schools, clubs, and service units. Ten records went by the boards in intercollegiate competition, four in interscholastic and one in the five-mile road race.

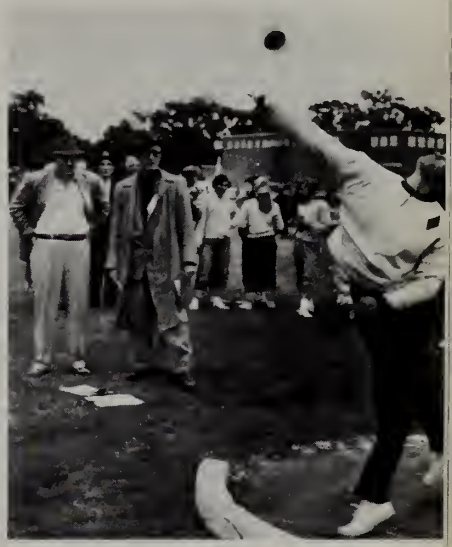
The two star performers were Sheldon Freedman of Chelsea High School who was the outstanding interscholastic athlete and Bob Rittenberg of Harvard who was the outstanding intercollegiate competitor. Freedman was awarded the Representative Charles E. Luke Driscoll Trophy and Rittenberg was presented the Zaray Kizirbohosian Trophy.

Concord High School, who accumulated 24 points in the interscholastic meet, was presented the Arthur I. Fullerton Trophy. Harvard took team honors with 19 points in the afternoon session and received the Christopher A. Frabotta Trophy.

This annual meet sponsored by the Whitinsville Track and Field Association is not only recognized as being outstanding in New England but is rapidly gaining national recognition.

Left: In this dramatic action photograph is David Hilton, University of New Hampshire, breaking the pole vault record at 12 feet 7 inches. Second was Joe Barry, University of Vermont; third, Jose Barbosa, Boston University

Below: Lois Testa, Red Diamond A. C., broke the Woman's 8-pound shot put record with a distance of 39 feet 11¾ inches. Lois is the National Junior Shot Put Champion



Below: Bob Rittenberg, of Harvard, was the winner of the 120 yard high hurdles. Time—14.9 seconds. In second place was Dave Settele, Northeastern University and third was Dave Bain, Fort Devens

Left: Charlie Jenkins, Villanova, has had a fabulous career in track and is definitely an Olympic prospect. Here we see him breaking the local track record for the one-quarter mile in a time of 49.1 seconds. Second was Warren Little, Harvard University; third was Bob Hefford, Northeastern. (World's record is 46 seconds)

Left: Brooks Johnson, Tufts, second from the left, broke the track record for the 100 yard dash. His time was 9.7 seconds, just four-tenths above the world's record of 9.3 seconds. Each contestant in this event crossed the finish line in less than 10 seconds. It was considered one of the fastest and most exciting finishes seen in collegiate competition for many years. In second place was Bill Shearer, Boston University, third from the left, and third was Lloyd Bell, Boston University, extreme left

The largest suggestion award in recent months went to John Hutnok, who received two checks totoling $545. Mr. Erik O. Pierson, warks monager, mode the presentation and Mr. J. H. Cunningham ond Mr. F. N. Stone were present to congratulate Mr. Hutnok

Suggestion Awards

FOR APRIL

Dept.	*Name*	*Suggestion No.*	*Amount of Award*
411	John Hutnak	54–161	$462.00
424	Alexander Kieronski	55–50	178.00
438	John Gjeltema	54–190	139.00
454	Philip Skillen	55–97	133.00
452	George Dumas	55–56	121.50
411	John Hutnak	54–208	92.00
450	Frank DeJong	55–62	83.00
465 489	Richard Guilbeault William Young	54–226	50.00
460	Andrew Cherwinski	55–111	40.00
462	Normand Deragon	54–247	38.00
450	Frank DeJong	55–61	28.00
499	Frank Adams	54–218	25.00
439	Arthur E. King	55–44	25.00
466	Joseph Bousquet	55–67	25.00
411	Clifford Goyette	55–70	25.00
428	Emile Cotnoir, Jr.	55–79	25.00
489	Rene L. Provost	55–85	10.00
466	Adam Satkauskas	55–33	7.50
451	Rita L. Picard	55–55	7.50
434	Nelson Bartlett	55–64	7.50
411	James McQuilkin	55–73	7.50
414	Louis Bissanti	55–78	7.50
451	Rita L. Picard	55–100	7.50
451	Annie Malkasian	55–101	7.50
423	Benjamin Mikulsky	55–46	7.50

Thinking can be profitable, os three Whitin emplayees found out when they received checks from Mr. Jahn H. Cunninghom, general superintendent, as awords for suggestions. From the left: George Dumos received $121.50; Philip Skillen received $133; Alexonder Kieronski received $178

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Suggester's Alphabet

(A New Version of Your ABC's)

Zoom your income by turning in at least one suggestion each week

Ask questions: Who, What, Where, When, Why, How.

Be sure you are doing the job in the best way.

Consider every angle of your job. There is always a better way.

Develop a sense of curiosity. Why do we do a job this way?

Eliminate all unnecessary parts of your job, such as duplications, waste time or motion.

First be sure you know all about your job, then suggest a better way.

Gain extra income through your ideas. We pay for all usable suggestions.

Hard work can often be lightened by using your ideas.

Ideas mean money and easier work for everybody.

Just be alert. Ideas are all around you. Learn to recognize them.

Keep submitting suggestions. We'll pay for good ones.

Let your supervisor help you work out details. He'll be glad to help you with your suggestions.

Make your past experience pay off by suggesting better ways to do your job.

Never overlook any portions of your work. Why do we perform each step? Is it necessary?

Other fellows' gripes are things that need improving. Suggest a remedy today.

Prepare suggestions completely—Give location, department number, building number, tool number, etc. We can evaluate your idea better if we're sure of what you mean.

Quit envying the fellow who gets an award. Turn in your ideas regularly and you'll get them, too.

Remember to write down your ideas so you won't forget them.

Study all parts of your work and suggest a better way to do it.

Turn in at least one suggestion each week.

Use all available help. Your past experience, your reading, and thinking will all help you.

Very often a very simple idea saves large amounts of time or money. Turn in all your ideas.

Watch every move you make and look for an easier way to do your job.

X-tra money is waiting for your good ideas.

You can add to your income if you turn in your suggestions regularly.

Zoom your income by turning in at least one suggestion a week.

KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

SPINNING, CARD ERECTING AND POLISHING

by Francis Horan

Congratulations to the Northbridge High School baseball team and to Coach Leo Smith for a fine performance in the State Championship trials. . . . Writing a month ahead of time for vacation period is always a little rough. However, with Dave Picard's help, we compiled a "who went where" list. Of course, some of the men's wives had not yet decided where their husbands were going. Such cases will be reported later.

Fred Hartley drove to Seattle, Washington. Al O'Rourke flew to San Diego, California. Ed Marshall went to New Brunswick. Maine and Canada attracted Dick Williams, Bob Williams, Jim Strachan, Albert Bowyer, Armand Henault, Arthur Lapierre, Jim Desrosier, and Rudy Coutu. George Dumas, whose wife is a descendant of the Penobscot Tribe, had a real powwow. He attended the Indian festival at Old Town, Maine. . . . Several journeyed to Vermont, New Hampshire, or New York. Among them were Harold Longeway, Leopaul Gamelin, Jack Walker, Ben Scott, Walter Oolovgian, George Nichols, Frank Rondeau, John Baldyga, Charles Kachigian, John Dziob, Dave Picard, and Bob Bosco. . . . At the Cape were Jim Woodburn, Ernest Pickup, Ken Proctor, Bill Demague, Frank Convent, Bill Beaudoin, Al Nolet, Carmen DeFillipo and Bill Muse.

June wedding anniversaries: I assure Marge (Brewster) DeJong that I haven't forgotten that she and Sidney celebrated their anniversary. Anniversaries were also observed by Armand Henault, Clint White, Alex McFarland, Ray Roche, Wade "Rebel" Mills, Bill Rutana, Jim Woodburn, Arsene Racicot and Garabed Kachigian.

Birthdays were celebrated by Michael J. Feen, Sr., Ray Roche, and Harry Cornell. We are waiting to see Cornell's name on the wedding anniversary list. . . . We'll save the rest for the lean news month of August. . . . We hope that Armand St. Andre will keep certain things on hand at his camp on Laurel Lake. Our club executives may visit the camp to see if conditions are up to standard for our next outing. . . . It was nice to have a visit from Fred Langlois, retired foreman of the Card Job. . . . John F. Carroll, formerly foreman of the Roll Job, and Mrs. Carroll celebrated their fifty-sixth wedding anniversary on June 6.

BOLSTER JOB

by Charles Kheboian

To those people who are wondering where the Bolster Job went, we wish to say that it is still in the same place but has undergone an enormous face lifting. With all the overhead belts gone, our new blower system, and the new paint job, everything looks cheerier. . . . Lois Blakely, Lindsay Harding and Harry Powers were a few of many people who followed the fortunes of the Northbridge High team. Harry Powers' son Dick played second base for the team. Besides playing a stellar game in the field, Dick did well at the plate. In the last game with Chicopee he hit a triple to tie the score, but Northbridge lost. . . . We are all glad to see Al Majeau and Gene Thomas back from recent illnesses. We send best wishes for a speedy recovery to Job Cournoyer. . . . We also welcome Leo Hudon, Roland Roy, Wilfred Cartier and George Charpentier. . . . The first trip to Boston by the Baseball Club looks a little brighter with the showing of the Red Sox. I'm sure that all will agree that last year all that went had a good time. . . . Alec Pawelczyk painted his house during vacation time. Bob Cochrane brought all his lumber out to his Hog Island camp site. Harold Flinton got a new outboard motor so he and Bob Cochrane will be boating all summer in Bob's boat.

After all the years that Dick Baker has been taking a kidding about his Nash car, he went out and bought a brand new Nash Ambassador, two-tone green!

SPINDLE JOB

by Albert Cencak

Jim Robbins's friends, Carroll Gile and George Hamm, are suspecting Jim of telling them a fish story. Jim told them about catching so many deep sea fish that he didn't know what to do with them. Carroll and George asked Jim to bring in a few to them Jim promised them enough to feed the whole department. So far Jim hasn't brought in anything. . . . Dave Cooper told Ed Bates about a good buy on a boat. Ed went down to see it and found out the craft was large enough to live on year round. Now Ed's problem is how to get someone to dredge out his cove. He could have moonlight cruises or a showboat. . . . Happy to see John Lamont back with us. John is like part of the hardening machine for without him the machine looks naked. . . They say Joe Antosh has a new car, but they didn't say what kind. . . . Ray Giguere has "summer fever." After a large lunch

The men of the Cord Job gove Hugh Brown a purse when he retired on April 29 after working here since June, 1906. Foreman Dick Williams made the presentotion

he sat in the back seat of his car. The breezes were fragrant, the sun was warm and off into the wild yonder went Ray. When his dream bubble burst, Ray opened his eyes lost in the jungle of parked cars. After a few minutes to get his bearings and to set his radar, Ray punched in.

Harvey Roy went swimming in the Manchaug Pond surf on May 22. . . . Ed "I'm going to take a nap" Roukema, Leon "Ike Walton" Fletcher, Benny "Quahog" Mezynski, Al "It's a native" Cencak, Ed "That's a good size" Postma, Pete "Choggy" Scott and Gus "I can find a dime on the bottom of the ocean floor" Mentzell made up the fishing party of May 21. Al Cencak caught them all ways, either in tail, mouth, or back. Leon Fletcher caught the largest with Benny Mezynski a close second. Pete Scott, after a slow morning, finished strong to tie Ed Roukema for the biggest fish. Ed Roukema could have won the contest hands down, but all Ed was interested in was his quart of milk and a nap. The skipper had his lower lip sunburnt and Benny his all fever blistered. From these indications, it is easy to see who was telling all the fish stories.

Eva Barnes had her picture in the Blackstone *News Tribune* with her bowling team friends. . . . Did Earl Moore tell you about the time he caught a mess of crabs and put them in a pail in his trunk to take home? Well, a few crabs managed to crawl out of the pail and went in back of his spare tire. Earl was not aware of this at the time, but 3 or 4 days later he didn't need a geiger counter to tell him where the crabs went to. . . . Did you hear about Everett Bishop and his flat tire on the back road to Sutton? A few girls on the job caught Everett's girl friend changing the tire. . . . If you should go by Joe Chabot's house and hear strange noises, think nothing of it. Joe likes to yodel in the bathtub.

Everyone on the job is noticing how the department is filling up. The new faces on the job belong to T. Cibicki, H. Dubois, E. Turcotte, E. Jacques, R. Henry, P. Viscione, W. Haley, M. Coleman, N. LaFleur, and L. Godbout.

Ed Bates had the number one spot to view the parade at Memorial Square. Some say he parked his car there the night before, but Ed denies it. . . . The philosopher of the Spindle Job does not understand women. He says, "Women don't even understand women." . . . "Red" Kershaw has left us for greener pastures. Red is following Horace Greeley's advice and has gone west to California.

Ed Bates has his own vacation spot right at home. He has a mountain right in his own front yard. I think it is called "Iron Mountain." . . . Carroll Gile and Jim Robbins, our two canaries of the Spindle Job, have signed contracts with that elite organization, the Whitin Glee Club. . . . Did you see Everett Bishop and Desrosiers running around that one nice sunny day last month yelling, "Hey, Eddie the roof is leaking?" Everett Bishop was sure that he saw water pouring in through the roof, but all the time it was a water faucet about two feet off the floor that had been left on. . . . William Crossland celebrated his 34th wedding anniversary on June 1. "Bill" or "Old Soldier" as he is known to all of us, has two sons that work in the Whitin Machine Works. . . . Personality William A. Stevens was born in Killingly, Connecticut and was educated in Charlton, Mass. At the present time he lives in his own home in Oxford. Bill served three years with the First Marine Division. Fourteen months of the time was in Korea. Bill has one child, an 18-month old son. For a hobby he likes photography.

BOX JOB

by Alice Travaille

The department started its vacation rush earlier than usual this year, so we have had many new faces, including Conrad Plouffe, Arthur Cournoyer, Bernard Lefebvre, Titus Ebbeling, Sr., all from 422. Fordys Arnold and Eugene Gervais from 441, and the following transfers: Benny Oles, Leon Duda, Fred Hughes, and Lester Wilcox and John Wojcik. We were happy to have the borrowed men and hope the new men like it here. . . . June anniversary greetings to Benny and Mrs. Oles, and to Paul and Mrs. Roy. For July, anniversary greetings to Joe and Mrs. Lemieux. . . . Henry Such is the sole birthday greeting receiver for July.

WOOD PATTERNS

by Vera Taylor

John Dominick, Personality of the Month, was born in Woonsocket, R. I., July 31, 1928. He attended public schools in Millville and Uxbridge, entering Worcester Boys' Trade School in September 1942. He graduated from Trade in June 1947 as a Wood Pattern Maker and immediately started in Whitin Machine Works on this Department. In October of 1950 he began four years of service in the Navy. Johnny returned to us in August 1954. He was married to Madeline I. Moon on May 30, 1955 as the accompanying picture will show. Johnny's hobbies are fishing and playing the accordion. He used to play at weddings and private parties with a small orchestra. He was also a member of the orchestra at Worcester Trade School.

Alfred Sutcliffe is finally reaping the rewards of his labor. After keeping his bees all winter and only losing two of the three hives, he is now eating Sutcliffe Quality Honey on his breakfast pancakes. Al had reason to be proud last month on another score. His daughter June received the P.T.A. Scholarship Award toward her education at Worcester State Teacher's College. This Scholarship is decided on a competitive basis from this district. Congratulations to June and to Mr. and Mrs. Sutcliffe. . . . We don't know whether or not they got enough to eat but Lawrence Gilmore and family decided to try the Automat for one of their meals on the trip to New York to tour the U.N. He claims that you need a flock of small change when you herd a family of five through the Automat with one person handling the money. It's quite a feat. . . . We hope Mrs. Newcombe recovers rapidly from her recent siege at the Hahnemann Hospital in Worcester. . . . Some of the boys visited

When Howard Heald, Department 448A, retired on April 29 after working here since December 24, 1932, he received a purse from his friends. The presentation was made by Foreman Benjamin Scott. Howard plans to spend his spare time gardening at his house in Upton

William A. Stevens, Spindle Job personality, served in Korea

Wilfred Whitney at the Veteran's Hospital in Jamaica Plains and found him in good spirits. We hope he'll soon be back with us. . . . After mentioning the hospitalized members it seems in order to say a word for those who are training to care for them. Herman Buma's daughter, Nancy, has completed her six months probationary period and received her cap at Worcester Memorial Hospital. . . . Julian Masson's wife has begun her hospital training at Rhode Island Hospital in Providence, having finished the preliminary academic course involved. . . . Eddie Plante spent some time with us while on leave from the Army. He looks hale and hearty. Another year and Eddie will be back with us. . . . Happy Birthday to the following whose birthdays fall in July: John Vanderzee, Lawrence Gilmore, L. Earle Newcombe, Nelson Bartlett, and John Dominick.

PUNCH PRESSES AND PLANER JOB

by Joseph Hern

The welcome mat is out this month for Billy Brown, formerly of Department 432. Billy has 37 years with Whitin. He was with us for quite a few years before going to 432. . . . We are also glad to see Rosanna Roy back with us again after being out due to a back injury. . . . John Dean, recovered from an appendix operation, has also returned. . . . Birthday greetings for May were in order for Sophie Oleksyk, our timekeeper, on May 16; and to Helen Laythe of our cradleroom, on May 30. . . . Veronica Mahoney of our cradleroom turned in a 95.3 average this past Bowling season. She really must keep those pin boys busy!

George Mandeville, our shear hand, informs us that his daughter Jacqueline appeared in a community talent show on Sunday, June 19. She played the Spanish guitar as one of the Junior Pioneers. . . . Joseph Leveille's daughter Lorraine was married June 4 to Henry Lachapelle of Whitinsville. They had their reception at the Progressive Club, Uxbridge. After a motor trip to Washington, Canada, New York and Maine, they will live in Linwood. . . . Ernie Conrad was surprised to see his son home on furlough from Fort Belvoir, Virginia, the Saturday before Memorial Day. He attended Diesel Mechanic's School at Fort Belvoir.

SHEET METAL, PAINT AND CREEL JOBS

by Dorsey Devlin

Jim Fisher, Eddie Horan, Bobby Campo, Lucien Paulhus and Dorsey Devlin attended the Red Sox–Indians game at Fenway Park on the evening of June 17. Four of the men were very much surprised to see Dorsey rooting for the Sox until it was learned that "Yankee fan Dorsey" had one eye on the game and the other eye on the New York scoreboard. . . . Allan McCrea and John DeBoer are back on the day shift and very happy about it.

Paint drippings: George Braman and family spent their vacation at their cottage on Boar Point, New Hampshire. Henry Kelly and family motored to Flint, Michigan. Harry Jardine and family motored through the Berkshires. . . . Al Lucier has returned home after a long stay in St. Vincent Hospital. . . . When someone calls for George in this department, it creates quite a commotion, as we have George Braman, George Dykstra and George Dumas. . . . Rudy Roberge is back to work after a long lay-off. . . . Walter Pouliot has joined the long list of Izaac Waltons. . . . Val Yargeau is trying to line up Ross Rajotte to dig post holes, but Ross says he is over the hill for that kind of sport. . . . Norman Baker, while fishing, tangled with a six-foot black water snake. P.S. Norman won.

John Dominick, Wood Pattern Shop personality, and Madeline Moon were married at the Sacred Heart Church, Woonsocket, on May 30

A June graduate, Joan Ann Litchfield, daughter of Charles Litchfield of Sheet Metal, plans to further her studies at the University of Connecticut. She received a scholarship from the teachers association of Tourtellotte High School

The boys on the Creel Job have proven that "Hi Neighbor" is not just an advertising slogan but a down-to-earth reality. On Saturday, May 21, the entire Job, headed by Foreman Ken Greenwood, paid a visit to retired foreman Ernest Booth at his newly-erected home in the Plummer section. The purpose: to clean the land surrounding Mr. Booth's new home. These boys really went to town so to speak and did a "bang-up" cleanup job. Leo Ledue, who is a member of the Nasonville Fire Department, was in charge of the brush-burning crew and did a commendable job keeping the fire in check. Eddie Nuttall showed up, but begged off work with a sore arm. (Maybe Eddie's arm was in sympathy with the sore arms of some major league pitchers we know.) Marcel Pierel operated the chain saw to good advantage. Mrs. Booth and daughter Elsie, along with Mrs. Ken Greenwood and Mrs. James Dundas, served lunch and the boys say they enjoyed the repast as much as the work. This reporter goes on record as saying, if the policy of the entire world was the same as these big-hearted fellows, we would all be better off.

FOUNDRY

by Joe Guidi

Plans are being furthered for the Supervisors Annual Outing to be held at Hog Island. So far, no details are available, but, as in the past, I assure you a good time will be had by all. . . . We welcome back Philip Carlos who was recently discharged from the Army. Philip was with the 26th Infantry Regiment, First Division. He spent 17½ months in Bamberg, Germany. . . . Ernie Robillard had quite an experience one Monday morning. Half asleep

while getting ready for work, he couldn't understand why his daughter's dungarees wouldn't fit him.

BOOSTER DART

by Hector Sauve

Wedding anniversaries this month were observed on the 7th by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gniadck, their fourteenth, and on the 26th by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Donais, their first. . . . We bid farewell and good luck to Joseph Sampson, who is now at Wage Standards, and to Mrs. Katherine Jacques, who is now on 439.

Good-byes were also said to four machines, numbers 8128, 8047, 6577, and 14416. . . . A get-well card was sent to Louis Menard who was confined to St. Vincent Hospital for a week and is now on the improving list at home. . . . Joe Ricard is on a two-week training duty with the Reserves at this writing. . . . Gerald Moussette, night inspector, added two birthdays to celebrate in his family with a set of twins in the month of May. After a short stay in the hospital, they are now home awaiting their first birthday, which will take place a year hence. Watch the time fly! And also the baby food.

You'll have to blow pretty hard to put out all the candles this month. We have four birthdays: three on the 6th—Rita Deome, Bernie Gervais and Violet Lanciault, government inspector; and on the 28th, Yvonne Sauve. The closest information as to their ages is that it will take a total of 177 candles. . . . Attending the Cleveland–Red Sox night game on Friday, June 17 from 428, were Tom Stevenson, Francis Magowan and Joe Gniadek, together with ex-twenty eighters Leo Tosoonian and Sid Daubney. Bob Stewart volunteered to go as umpire. . . . The internal grinder that Bill Pare runs has listened to Bill's singing so much, that the motor belt slips when he sings a mournful song. However, Bill is a jolly fellow and his songs are usually the same.

Foundry mystery photo—This was 1913's version of the bikini. Employees in the Foundry and Core Room should recognize the young lady seated on the lawn

MILLING JOB

by Harry Ludvigson

At the start of this year's major league baseball season, a club, now called "The Rail Birds," was formed on Department 416. The only requisite for membership in this club is that each morning the members shall wave the pennant of the team in first place, regardless of how many times there is a new team leading the league. At this writing there are five members, Norman Sutherland, Russell Palmer, Rosario Vermette, Alfred Guilbault and Stephen Bombara. Anyone on the job wishing to join this club should contact Norman Sutherland, the president. Dues will be 10 cents per week for each member until sufficient funds have been collected to purchase one pennant for each team in the league. The advantage of being a member of this club is quite obvious because at the end of the season each member can proudly say "I knew they would win it."

Your reporter would like to extend a genuine, if belated, welcome to the recent additions to Department 416: Mathew Zywien (timekeeper), Norman Beauchamps, Frank Romanski, Henry LeBlanc, Armand Auger, Henry Gjeltema, Wallace Palmer, Raymond Dion, Rolland Gosselin, Furnie White, Raymond Merchant, Everett Leclair, Peter Michalik, and Ernest Racicot all of the day shift; and Laurent Sampson, Lucien Thibeault, Adrien Violette, Francis Olson, Carl Jeneral, Francis Fitzgerald, Victor Lussier, Peter Lalanne, Raymond Adams, and George Moreau of the night shift.

Anyone on Department 416 needing a carpenter should contact Pete Nash. His specialty is hanging shelves. He guarantees to do the job right even if he has to remove the shelf the first time he hangs it in order to reverse the brackets.

COMBER JOB

by Terry Merolli

Congratulations to Charlie Harriman of Department 445. Charlie was recently installed as president of the Uxbridge Aerie F.O.E. . . . Brush cuts have really taken over in the department with John Hoyle sporting the newest one. . . . Summer is officially here—the bouquets are coming in. Mike Zylstra's peonies were the first. Everyone agreed that they were the loveliest yet. Mike certainly knows how to raise flowers. Frank Greene came in with some beautiful roses, three different kinds—my but this office is getting to be a sweet-scented place. . . . Welcome to Mike Ostak, our new drill hand at 424 and Frank Macuga over at 445. . . . Favorite topic of conversation of course is vacation. Mr. and Mrs. Archie Fournier visited "The Finger Lakes." Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Greene went by plane to California to visit their son and daughter. Mr. and Mrs.

Edward H. Thomas, who began work here on October 7, 1933, retired on April 29, 1955. A purse from his friends in Department 436 was presented to him by Foreman Cecil Baker. Ed now has time to enjoy his flower beds at his home in Quabbin and to help his son at the store

Henry Kooistra motored to Chicago to visit their daughter and son-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Zylstra made a trip to Grand Rapids, Michigan to visit their granddaughter. They stopped at Niagara Falls and the White Mountains on their way back. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hopkins motored to New Hampshire to visit relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Valente visited Maine.

RING JOB

by Robert Balcome

Some of us went to our usual locations and some changed our vacation spot this year. Our foreman, Joe Hetherington, spent his time in Jaffrey, N. H., as usual. Gertrude Boucher went to Vermont for part of her vacation, Margaret Marshall visited the White Mountains, your reporter passed up New York and New Jersey and went north to Prince Edward Island, a most beautiful spot to vacation in. Most of us stayed home and took short trips which can be "relaxing" if short enough. Of course, the usual exodus to Canada, Quebec and Montreal must be mentioned. Must be a lot of pictures being developed from various reports but so far none have been received by your reporter.

Albert Bouchard and Beryle Doble top our sick list, best wishes for a speedy recovery to you both. . . . Stella Damarjian is also ill. Stella also has the only birthday in July. Greetings and best wishes to you, Stella. . . . Another fishing fan, Ernie Burroughs, inspector, went deep-sea fishing on a recent Saturday and caught two fish. He didn't know what they were but they tasted all right. . . . Remark heard by someone while watching a friend remove an oil spot from his trousers, "we need a spot remover to remove the spots left by the spot remover." . . . Next thing 132 shopping days to Christmas.

RESEARCH DIVISION

by Bernice Taylor

Shades of Bobby Jones! The heated golf discussions these days are getting better and better. Such questions as, "Where is the best course?" and "Who can drive a ball the farthest?" are topics of much interest. Though these questions are never settled, the attempts to do so still go on. Coke Gigarjian, Chick Corron, Hugo Meotti and Tom Cody still can't make up their minds. Anyway, the golf tournament is in full swing and we have several potential threats for the championship this season.

Arthur Howard enjoyed the experience of being a guest on the TV show, "Breakfast at the Sheraton," which is televised on Channel 10 in Providence. Arthur liked the show very much and so did the interested viewers at home, including his small granddaughter, who was delighted to see "Gramp" on TV. . . . Virginia Burke has acquired a kitten. She has had said cat for well over a month, and still has not been able to choose a suitable name for "kitty." Any suggestions? What's a good name for a black and white cat? (No, not that one.) . . . Congratulations to Boniface Banasik on receiving his driver's license. Happy motoring to him! . . . Many happy returns this month to Bill Werth, Maynard Krull, Louis Rutana and George Gigarjian who are all one year older this month. And anniversary felicitations to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Regas and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Zimmerman. . . . Donald Corron ("Chick" to all of us) is on the sick list. He has spent two weeks at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester, and is now convalescing at his home. . . . Congratulations to Patricia Boulanger on her graduation from St. Mary's High School in Milford. Joe Boulanger is her Dad.

Our personality for this month is John Baker. He was born in Whitinsville, and attended the schools here. He was graduated from Northbridge in 1943. Following this, he came to work at W.M.W. and started in the Laboratory, Department 478. At this time he joined the Army and served in the European Theater (69th Division). After the war, John returned to the Laboratory, but was soon transferred to Department 423. John then enrolled in the Apprentice School and studied tool making. Following graduation as a toolmaker he was appointed supervisor of the machine shop in the Research Division. John is married to the former Helen Oosterman. They have two boys, Russell and David. They live on Purgatory Road in a home built by John. His hobbies are gardening and carpentering. In his spare time John is attending Worcester Junior College where he is studying mechanical engineering. He is a member of the Phi Tau Kappa fraternity. John is a very likable fellow, always friendly and obliging. These qualities make him one of the most popular people at Research.

And now vacation time is with us once more. I hope you all will get in touch with your SPINDLE reporter about where you went on your "fabulous" two weeks. And don't forget those vacation pictures.

MYSTERY PHOTO—If you recognized last month's mystery tria, you identified Henry Crawford, Frank Kelliher, and William Scott. The two men on the right were students at Northbridge Juniar High thirty yeors ago. One of them is a foreman

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

by Thomas Frieswyk

The motor scooter craze has finally hit the Electrical Department, Harry Frisiello has acquired a 1950 Cushman model. We understand that he plans to use it in travelling to and from work. Considering those hills and curves in Slatersville, R. I., we hope there is something left of Harry after the first week. . . . Here's a little something for our sportsmen! A cock quail was seen on top of one of our diesel locomotives at the Motor House on a recent morning. John Wright made every effort to shoo the bird off, but he seemed content with his surroundings. We have been told that cock quails are very rare in this section of the country. . . . Herb DeFosse has started to build his ranch-style house at Plummer Park. While the building process is going on, Herb and his family are living in the cellar. During that severe thunderstorm on Tuesday, May 31, they were almost flooded out of their home. Herb had to join the bucket and mop brigade to bail out the water and clean up mud afterwards. You can be sure he has since taken precautions against any future cloudbursts.

The Methodist Church sponsored a trip to the United Nations in New York City on May 13 and 14, and Fern Coombs was one of the group to tako advantage of it. On Friday afternoon they were conducted on an impressive tour of the United Nations Buildings. Friday evening Fern attended a show at Radio City Music Hall, and Saturday morning they went shopping and sightseeing. Fern came home with some new clothes, a stiff neck, and sore feet. . . . Roger St. Pierre, Herbert DeFosse, and Donald Mullen all became proud fathers within four weeks. Did someone say that the Electrical Department never produces?

STEEL FABRICATION AND CUT-OFF JOBS

by Maurice P. Valois

Welcome back after a much needed vacation. I hope you enjoyed yourself and didn't get too sunburned. . . . News for this month's column is on the limited side, however we want to wish a happy birthday to our methods engineer, James Colton, who is getting pretty close to Jack Benny's age by now. . . . Wedding congratulations to Alfred "Sheriff" Nichols and Rene F. Rock. Welcome home to Simon Bosma, 410's foreman, after a long leave of absence due to illness.

METHODS DEPARTMENT

by Jean Cunningham

Frank DeHaas with his brother Nick traveled out to Ann Arbor, Michigan to visit his brother Herman who received his Ph.D. Degree in Biological Chemistry at Michigan University. They traveled in a 1955 Chevrolet convertible and while there visited a few places of interest such as Henry Ford's Village known as Greenfield Village. At the museum they saw many old lamps, cars, and steamboats that were among the first built. . . . We are glad to have Emmett Martin back again after his sick leave. . . . Also glad to have Archie Bolivar back after his short illness.

Happy birthday wishes go out this month to Gunner Carlson, Lou Chapman, Jim Colton, Oliver Copeland, Dave Magill, Sam Mateer, Everett Newbegin, Avis Hawkins, Virginia Kenyon and Ben Musket. . . . The girls in the office got together and gave Shirley Noble a farewell party at Bronzo's in Shrewsbury. Shirley was given a gift and we all had a wonderful time. She has left to go to Seattle, Washington, where her husband has accepted a position. We will miss Shirley around the office and we want to express our wishes of good luck and hope that all goes well for her. . . . Sam Mateer's daughter, Judith Louise, received her diploma from The Deaconness Hospital, Boston. Graduation was held at Hancock Hall.

TOOL JOB

by George Jones

Congratulations to Joseph Adams, lathe operator, on his being elected Commander of Post No. 9 American Legion of Manville, R. I. . . . Pete DeVries, James McGuigan, Raymond Jorritsma and their families spent a day at the Bronx Zoo in New York City. . . . A few of the men on the Tool Job went deep-sea fishing and had very good luck. Joe Rosol caught the first fish and Leo Eramo caught the largest, a 15 pounder. When they got home John Deschene took Leo's fish bag and gave them to his neighbors. Leo was stuck with a bag of small cod. . . . Phil Skillen is not a very good plumber. He tried to fix a blocked pipe at home and flooded the floor and soaked the bathroom ceiling. . . . Joe Bartlett, repair man, was given a surprise housewarming by friends and relatives at his new home in North Uxbridge. . . . If anyone wants a sight for sore eyes they should go to Blackstone and watch Hollis Booth, who stands 6 feet 2 inches and weighs 214 lbs., mowing his lawn wearing shorts. . . . Armand Auclair, cutter grinder, spent a week end in northern Maine fishing again this year. The trip was made by plane and on the first day of fishing a five pounder was the smallest fish they brought back to camp. He has pictures to prove his claims.

The scene before and after the entire Creel Job turned out to clear the underbrush from around retired foreman Ernest Booth's new house. The work party was held on May 21

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

by Bill Scanlon

Ted Farrand, assistant foreman of the Garage, has bought a new outboard motor. It is a classy number, and so on Sundays and holidays, from now on, "Chick" will be seen cruising Webster Lake in his boat. . . . During vacation Paul Chapdelaine journeyed to Montreal and on to Sorel where he visited his uncle and cousins. . . . Pat Konvent, after a ten-month absence, is back to work in the Garage. The boys are glad that he has returned. . . . Leon Brodeur headed for Laconia, New Hampshire. Naturally, he made the trip by motorcycle. . . . Chester Roaf is busy this summer as he had gone in for gardening in a big way. He hopes to have a lot of good vegetables.

CORE ROOM

by John Kurowski

We welcome for the summer months Gilbert Landry. He is a graduate of Holy Cross and is now enrolled at McGill Medical in Montreal. . . . Roland Brochu came back to the Core Room but stayed only a couple of weeks before he was transferred to the Pattern Loft. . . . Francis Shugrue and "Jeff" Oliver came walking in to work late one morning. Seems as though Francis looked all over the house and couldn't find the keys to his car. He went home to dinner and, after a good meal, found the keys in his pants pocket. The walk from the village did neither one any harm. . . . On a recent deep sea fishing trip none other than "Old Man River" Baillargeon caught the biggest fish and went off with the purse.

We are all happy to hear that "Jim" Benjamin's wife has returned home from Peter Bent Brigham Hospital and is doing fine after undergoing serious surgery.

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

by Marcel E. Turgeon

Personality: Della "Del" Duhamel was born in Sutton in 1894. He attended the primary schools in Whitinsville. He came to work here in 1910, worked two years on the Spinning Erecting Floor, was laid off, then called back to work for George Wilmot on the Small Packing Job where he has been ever since. Del married Elizabeth Dunn of Whitinsville. They live in their own home in South Sutton with their two daughters, Claire and Norma. During his spare time Del keeps busy working in his garden. He is an ardent sports fan.

Mr. William G. Young is recuperating at his home after an operation at St. Vincent Hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him soon. . . . Harold Libby is laid up at his home. We hope to see him back to work in the near future. . . . Anniversary greetings for the month of June are extended to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Libby, fifteenth, June 15; Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Noel, eighth, June 21; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Benner, eleventh, June 28. In July, congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William Conway, fifth, July 8. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Rene Picard motored to Sorel, P. Q., Canada, over the Memorial Day week end and

Mr. and Mrs. James Rice motored to New York to visit friends and relatives. . . . Mr. Richard Benner has been appointed one of the umpires for the Little League in Uxbridge. . . . Anyone wishing any information regarding the movie "Battle Cry" can contact Miss Lorraine Dufault, for she saw it four times—What gives?

REPAIR DEPARTMENT

by Joyce Rondeau

All during that mad and merry hiatus in the workaday world of the Repair Department, our people have been "going around in circles"—the best of circles, to be sure. For example, Ruth Crothers and Sylvia Simonian are back, each browner than the proverbial berry, from solar basking in Florida. And Lucille Buma has a "bright new look," the end product of a sophisticated sojourn in old New York. . . . Bronzed by Old Orchard's endless round of sun, sea and sky are Carol Davidson and her uncle, Adam Davidson. Meanwhile, Carol McCrea and Joy Varteresian had plenty fun at Hampton Beach. Jimmy Marshall and Joyce Brown chose Cape Cod, as did Chet Walker, who made the rounds from Orleans. Charlie Pearson, as is his wont, was up on the North Shore. . . . Alice DerTorosian fled her communications center early in the game and took a June vacation at Detroit as a delegate from the local A.Y.F. . . . We cry "Happy Birthday" this month for Jimmy Marshall and Charlie Anderson. We likewise shout "Happy Anniversary" for Charlie Noble, Albin Nelson, Teresa Caswell and Adam Davidson.

Ralph Aspinwall, Department 410, recently received a statuette from the Worcester Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. This award was given in appreciation of the fifteen years of continuous service given by Ralph to the boys of the Valley District

Pvt. Edward Hartley, son of George Hartley, recently spent a ten-day furlough with his parents. Edward has returned to Camp Bliss, Texas, where he is stationed for further training

MAIN OFFICE

by Gloria Frabotta and Marlene Willard

Is there a botanist in the "house?" John Hiscock could have made use of one last month when he brought in a leafy specimen from a tree which had two fuzzy snow-like puffs attached. The oddity ended up in the rose vase of our receptionist, Dot Shaughnessy. . . . We all want to welcome Kermit Bickford back to work after his long illness, and at the same time we are hoping that, at this reading, Agnes Kalousdian will be back and well recovered from her recent hospitalization.

By now Howie Hawkins will be trying his hand at his new job as assistant office manager at Seaboard Foundry. We wish you lots of luck, Howie. . . . Our best wishes go to Bud Willard, who has also left us and is now attending Worcester Junior College where he is taking a preparatory course. . . . We said so-long to Arlene Buker, who left the Pay Roll Department and is spending her summer months in Maine. . . . That long awaited vacation time has once again come to an end, but judging from all reports everyone enjoyed themselves and are ready to get into the swing of things again for another year.

Our vacationists for this month, and the places of interest to which they went are: Gordon Spence, Eastham on the Cape; Florence Tupper, Chatham on the Cape; Marjorie McCallum, Julie McDonough, Sally Mantashigian, Lawrence Fuller, Lewis Burns, and Marlene Willard, day trips; Everett Johnston, Nova Scotia; Nellie Spratt, Hampton Beach; Agnes Spratt, Newfound Lake, N. H.; Jesse Loredo, New York and day trips; Eleanor Baker, White Mountains, Lincoln, N. H. and the Cape; Eva O'Keefe, Squam Lake, N. H.; Norman Shaw, camp at Lake Singletary; Marion Taft, Laconia and Enfield, N. H.; and Gloria Frabotta, Maine. Others not mentioned either stayed home and relaxed, or are taking their vacations at a later date. Looks as if, by our vacation roster, our fellow workers prefer good old New England to any other locality. Can't say as we blame them.

Three former employees of the Main Office dropped in for a short visit last month with their lovely children; namely, Olga Rutana and year-and-a-half old Paula, May Pare and 8-weeks old Stephen and May Stuart with 6-months old John. We were all very happy to see them. . . . As many a fireworks display has ended with a bang, this month, we too will end our column with a loud bang of cheerful greetings for the birthdays of Margaret Guertin, Frank Polucha, Gwen Searles, Bryant Nichols, Donald Mateer, John Hiscock, Louis Chabot, Vernon Willard, and Kermit Bickford, and the anniversaries of Jesse Loredo, Vernon Willard, Leonard White and James Marshall.

FOUNDRY PRODUCTION CONTROL OFFICE

by Earl Briggs

Congratulations are in order for George "Red" Vincent, who recently received his 15-year pin, and for Ruth M. Gile who received her 5-year pin. . . . Mrs. Grace Heath spent the week-end of June 4th at West Point, New York, where she attended the graduation exercises of her nephew, Harold Vandersea. Grace got a close look at the President and the First Lady and was impressed with the whole affair.

Personality of the Month: Our personality for this month is John N. Julian (a Whitin employee for 18 years) who is a department planner for the bench section of the Foundry. John was born in Milford, Massachusetts, on October 20, 1903. After receiving his education in Milford schools he went to Bentley School of Finance and also studied business administration in Boston. In 1931, Inez Irving of Hopedale became Mrs. Julian. The couple have two sons, Vincent (who was recently discharged after five years in the Army—most of the time in Germany) and John, Jr., who is now a sophomore at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. They own their own home

John N. Julian is the Foundry Production Control Office personality of the month

arry Sarafian, Cost Department personality, is
pianist with the Vince Caplette Orchestra during
is spare time. Larry does a most competent
job at the keys

t 35 Grove Street, Milford. John has been
member of the Massachusetts State Guard
or five years, and at present is senior vice-
ommander of the Milford unit and junior
ice-commander of District 4. He is also
n active member of the Elks. For his
obby, John collects antiques and for the
st twelve years has devoted most of his
are time to attending auctions and operat-
g his own antique shop in Milford.

COST DEPARTMENT

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Personality of the Month: Larry Sarafian,
uick-witted member of the Spinning
roup, was born in Woonsocket, R. I., in
924 and was educated in Woonsocket High
hool and Bryant College. He spent four
d a half years in the South Pacific Theater
a paratrooper and was a Sergeant at the
me of his discharge. Larry married Gloria
rrie in 1951 and now resides at Bernon
reet in Woonsocket with his wife and son
enneth. He has been with us in the de-
rtment for one and a half years. Although
is fond of sports and keeps well-informed
sporting events, his music occupies most
his spare time. He is the talented pianist
ith the Vince Caplette Group which he
lped to organize six years ago. This group
ays at the smarter night clubs in Massa-
usetts and Rhode Island. He cut records
ith the group and has a weekly radio
oadcast from Southbridge. They also
ve appeared on several television pro-
ams and have been invited to audition
r the Arthur Godfrey Talent Scout Pro-
am which they intend to do in the very
ar future.

As the summer rolls on we find that a few in the office have put the picnic season to good use. The members of Department 462 held a steak party at the Whitinsville Fish and Game Club. Jim Shaw and Cleve Reynolds assisted Ted Froh who was chief skilleteer. Florence Perry and Helen Sitnik gave the women's touch in helping to make the cook-out a great success. . . . Pauline Hagan has joined the new car parade with her new coral and grey Chevvy, while Howard Anderson has helped Henry Ford II to add to his vast fortune. . . . Joe Platukis and Ted Fronczak have done it again! Congratulations on your latest suggestion awards boys. . . . Many people have told Dick Hanny to take a slow boat to China, but the other day someone sent him faster transportation—a jet plane. He received it thru the mail, all the way from the sunny shores of California and he still doesn't know who the anonymous friend could be. . . . Ken Crossman captivated the audience at a recent church play with his rendition of "Paper Doll." We understand that the talent scouts have been hounding him since the performance. . . . The girls from the office supper club favored the "Abner Wheeler House" the other night with their presence and their cheer. . . . We understand that half the population in Bellingham was awakened with a start at 4 a.m. one morning. They found out that it wasn't an air raid when they saw Gordon Curtis, clad in his pajamas, sneaking out to disconnect the horn on his old faithful Pontiac.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

by Connie Duggan

A double shower was held at Bronzo's June 2nd for Betty Bianchi and Janet Noble. Betty was presented a baby shawl and candlestick holders. Janet received a silver tea set and candlestick holders. Everyone found Bronzo's a lovely place and we were all surprised to find Red Auerbach, Bob Cousy, and Tom Carey were also there. . . . A softball game between the Ratcliffe Squad and the Rivet Squad was held June 15th in Linwood. It was a hectic game with both teams claiming victory. After the game, hamburgers were served at the Whitinsville Rod and Gun Club. . . . Thelma Baker reports going to Boston to meet her brother William Baker, who just returned from an eighteen-month stay in Alaska! . . . The "For Sale" sign is out this month. Flora McGaw has four kittens, eight weeks old. Anyone interested, please see Flora. . . . Vacation time is over, so let's have a few news items, and how about your favorite snapshots?

A student of marine biology at Florida State University, Charles Brown, Jr., 19-year old son of Charles Brown of the Supply Room, spends his summers studying at the Marine Biological Research Laboratory, Woods Hole, Cape Cod

Albert G. Cupka, son of Al Cupka of Department 450, received his degree as a chemical engineer from Catholic University, Washington, D. C. on June 7. Albert graduated with high honors

PAYROLL COMPUTATION, TABULATING, BUDGETS, STATEMENTS AND TIMEKEEPING

by Bob English

Ted Froh and his son-in-law, Barry Judson, went fishing. Transportation was furnished in Ted's new Studebaker. While unloading the gear from the trunk of car, the key was removed from the lock and for some unknown reason lay on the unloading area. One may easily guess the next episode—the trunk was closed. Barry made the long jaunt home for the second set of keys. What we would like to know Ted, what account number could we use? . . . We welcome to the Timekeeping division: Roger Boudreau, Department 411, second shift, and Mary Wawrzkiewicz, Department 427. . . . Emily Quigley, has moved from 11 Park Street, Uxbridge to 9 Park Street. The inconvenience of moving was still a factor, even for such a short distance. . . . Louis Paul, formerly of Timekeeping (Dept. 420), has recently completed his second year at the University of Miami. Louis makes his home on the Quaker Highway in Uxbridge. . . . Lucy Ross, No. 423 time clerk, has bought a trailer. She plans to locate and live-in at 19 Sherry Street. . . . Dot (Orff) Gardner, formerly of No. 453 timekeeping, is now employed at G. E. (Telechron) Ash-

A committee of four—Henry Cont, Tom Cowley, Irv Lightbown, and Ted Bisson—were in charge of husbond-ond-wife tournament held by the Production Department 4-Ball Golfing League

land. Dot makes her home in Upton. She has a beautiful three-year old daughter. . . . Five-year pins were presented by F. M. Brown to Vera Taylor, Department 401 Time Clerk and to Frederick Pope, Department 454. . . . The F. M. Browns spent the Memorial Day week end at West Dennis. They also celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary in New York City, June 11.

Birthday greetings for June to Fay Goggins and Audrey Todd of Payroll. . . . Audrey Todd and Carl Dupree attended an interesting N.A.C.A. meeting in Worcester, May 19. The topic was "Office Incentive Plans." . . . Caroline Salatiello of Tabulating attended her brother-in-law's wedding in New York City, May 21. Mr. Salatiello was best man for the occasion. . . . Trudy "specs" Beaulac was out one week with the German measles. . . . We welcome Dorothy McCabe of Millville and Helena Plantinga to the Tabulating Department, where they will become key-punch operators. . . . Nancy Todd arrived home after work looking real "mannish." After examining contents of "her" corduroy coat (car keys, personal papers, etc.) she found they belonged to her immediate supervisor, Howard Cook. Nancy returned the contents plus coat with apologies in exchange for her own jacket. . . . The Fourth National Convention of the N.M.A.A. was held at Hotel Statler, Boston on June 15, 16 and 17. Howard Cook, president of the Worcester Chapter, and Harry Segal attended the three-day affair. Ernie Chase, Bill Hall and Henry Bailey also were present, each for a day. . . . The Wishing Well, Friendship Club, and Machine Accounting Members and guests held a combined cook-out at the Fish and Game Club, Prentice Corner, on Thursday, June 16.

PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

by Tad Wallace and Marge Newton

Our congratulations to Alfred Matte, Clarence Peterson and George Vincent who received 15-year service pins on May 25. . . . On June 2nd, Pat (Duggan) McNamara was the honored guest at a dinner party at the Colonial Club in Webster. Pat has left Whitin to take up employment at Wyman-Gordon in Worcester. From her former "co-workers" comes a sincere wish that Pat may find happiness in her new job. . . . Bill Walsh and Vic Romasco have returned to the office after having been on a special assignment to Machinecraft in Whitman, Mass. Naturally we are happy to have them back with us, and we must say that, in spite of the fact that they were not eating "home" cooking, they both look well. Bill even put on a few pounds. This, of course, is attributed to the fact that the boys did not play as much golf as they normally would. . . . Welcome back to Gloria Carter who has been out on leave of absence for several weeks. . . . Red Adams and Don Nelson, in keeping with their annual custom, have again showed up with crew cuts. To many types of comments they invariably answer, "If you have enough hair, get a crew cut, for it's tops in summer comfort."

Our big item this month concerns Corporal Jim Bernard, Jr. who is currently on a tour of duty with the First Army (A.S.A.) and is stationed at Baumholder, Germany. This 22-year old, 6 foot 2 inch G.I. from Westboro, Massachusetts who demonstrated on more than one occasion as a civilian that he is a terrific golfer, came very nearly upsetting the "apple-cart" in the recent British Amateur Tournament at St. Anne's in England. Jim, Jr. had previously won an Army sponsored tournament in Garmisch, Germany (he not only won the tournament but was medalist as well) before he entered the British Amateur with a crack field of 224 of the best amateurs in the United States, England and Europe. From the first round he served notice that he was going to be hard to beat. He won his first four rounds and was defeated in the fifth round when, for the first time in the tourney, he was two over par. When you consider that, in order to be eligible to compete in this affair, you must have a

Cpl. James K. Bernard, Jr., whose father works in Production, is an outstanding golfer who made a creditable showing in the British Amateur Golf Tournament against top-flight competitian

There were mony surprised faces at the Upton Country Club when, at the conclusion of the tournament, prizes were awarded at the club house

certified handicap of 2 or less, it is not difficult to determine the caliber of the golfers who participated. Going as far as he did in the event was a tremendous accomplishment. Jim is the son of Jim Bernard, Sr., supervisor of the Master Route Section in the Production Department. Jim, Sr. is a better than average golfer too.

Jack Gilchrist has some screens (slightly oversize) that he is quite anxious to dispose of. He claims that they were not made to the proper dimensions, but the man who made the screens (Walter Gilchrist) says that Jack has not put them in the proper windows. They are good rugged screens made out of heavy (at least 2") material. Jack suspects that his father used a "shrink" rule when the screens were made. In view of Walter's long time foundry affiliations, it is possible.

Your reporters are extremely grateful to good neighbor and friend Tom Cawley for writing up the following article. The 4-Ball Golfing League of Department 465 held its spring tournament at the Upton Country Club on Saturday, June 4. It was a sort of Scotch foursome idea, with all players inviting their wives along. Although the ladies played in the same foursome as their husbands, they were (naturally) on opposite teams. Everything worked out fine.

A luncheon was served in the clubhouse after the completion of nine holes at which time prizes were awarded. Here are a few of the lucky prize winners and their awards.

1st Prize—Ladies—Mrs. Ray Duggan
Cash Award—Being an amateur she received $2.40 in "Whitinsville Days" money and 1 thin dime.

1st Prize—Men—Charlie Malkasian
Golf Club—A combination fishing rod and wedge, about 8 feet long.

2nd Prize—Ladies—Mrs. Bill Walsh
Service for six—Someone found some old spoons in their cellar including an expired guarantee from Rogers Silverware. This was "gift wrapped."

2nd Prize—Men—Vic Romasco
3 "Sno-balls"—These are 3 just slightly used golf balls painted black, to be used in early spring, late fall, or when snow may be on the ground.

High Score—Ladies—Mrs. Bill Kearnan
A Compass.

igh Score—Men—Bill Kearnan
A set of golf lessons in a nice gold frame.
ost Putts—Ladies—Mrs. Gene Closson
Home-made putter.
ost Putts—Men—"Hado" Kelliher
One croquet mallet and ball.
east Putts—Ladies—Mrs. Gordon Anderson
Box of chocolates—3 in a box.
ast Putts—Men—Ted Bisson
Man's tie—used, but well spotted.
Other lucky winners and their prizes were:
rs. Bill Lavallee
Matching Pen and Pencil Set—One blue pen without a point and a broken down pencil.
rs. Bob Bethel
Ladies' Golf Shoes—One pair of golden-hued sandals complete with ten-penny spikes. Mrs. Tom Cawley had a surprised expression when this prize was unwrapped.
ll Walsh
Start of a 1955 Ford—One of the door locks.
mmy Stevenson
Men's Golf Shoes—Somebody left around an old pair set with big spikes.
rb Spratt
The Clean Sportsmanship Award—A golf ball made of soap.
rdon Anderson
Door Prize—Golf Bag. Somebody's old Army duffle bag.
rs. Ted Bisson
Attendance Prize—Supply of poison ivy lotion.
y Duggan
A pair of Golf Club Mittens—An old pair of socks.
rs. Hank Cant
A Household Helper—An automatic egg flipper.
d Bisson and Bill Lavallee
Shared a pair of Golf Gloves—one RH Rubber Glove (no fingers), one LH Rubber Glove (no fingers).
s. Jim Dundas
Golfers' Snack—One can of baked beans.
b Bethel
New Type Stroke Developer—One old rug beater.
s. Tom Cawley
One set of slightly used (but much discolored) ash trays.
nk Cant
Check for a Short Beer—One genuine check for 10 cents.
s. Charles Malkasian
One Jig Saw Puzzle—just a few missing pieces.
eanuts" Johnson
Cigarette Lighter—1 match in a match book.
s. Tommy Stevenson
Music Collection—2 old player piano rolls, reels and jigs.
Steele
New Golfing Hat—An old Army fatigue cap with new cut-out design.
s. Harold Kelliher
Set of Coat Hangers—An assortment of chrome nails.
e Closson
bag of golf tees—Broken, but a nice variety of colors.

Irv Lightbown
New Calendar Type Desk Pad—For the year 1950.
Mrs. Henry Cant—Grand Attendance Prize
A golf ball tree—A potted plant from the rubber plantation of Sumatra, in full bloom, from the branches hung golf balls, tees, and pencils.

The Committee in charge of food was Hank Cant and Ted Bisson. Tom Cawley, Irv Lightbown, and Gordon Anderson were in charge of prizes. A rules committee that no one will admit being a member of helped to make the affair successful.

MARRIAGES and ENGAGEMENTS

The engagement of Margaret Claire Nolet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Leziak, Uxbridge, to Byron Heywood, Jr., Mendon, has been announced.

Earl King, Tool Job cutter grinder, will be married to Mary McGarrigle of North Smithfield on July 23.

Paula Louise Capone was married to Robert Julian of Milford in Sacred Heart Church, Milford on June 18. Paula is the daughter of Al Capone of Methods.

The engagement of Shirley Benjamin and Romeo Tellier, both of Foundry Production Control Office, has been announced.

Lorraine Leveille and Henry Lachapelle were married on June 4. They will reside in Linwood.

William Collins, Card Job, and Phyllis Ferland were married in Slatersville, Rhode Island, on July 2.

Births

To Leo Eramo of the Tool Job and Mrs. Eramo, a daughter, Susan Marie, born March 19 at City Hospital, Worcester.

To Bror Swanson, Tool Job Night Shift, and Mrs. Swanson, a daughter, born June 11, weight 7 lbs. 9 oz.

To Edward Kane, Jr., repair man, and Mrs. Kane, a daughter, Mary Ann, born April 30 at Memorial Hospital in Worcester.

To Barbara Siepietowski, of Timekeeping, a son, on May 21.

To Roger St. Pierre, Department 470, and Mrs. St. Pierre, a son, Thomas Joseph, on April 30.

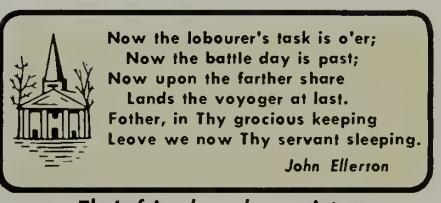
To Donald Mullen, Department 470, and Mrs. Mullen, a daughter, Janice Carol, on May 24.

To Herbert DeFosse, Department 470, and Mrs. DeFosse, a son, Stephen Francis, on May 25.

To Arthur Langelier, Traffic Department, and Mrs. Langelier, a daughter, Denise Marie, on May 20.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lachapelle, a son, Peter John, their seventh child, on April 18.

To Lillian and Douglas Follett, a son, David Leslie, weight 7 pounds 3 ounces, born June 3 in Whitinsville Hospital.



Their friends and associates extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved

Family and friends of George H. Kuindersma, 57, who died at his home, 16 Roy Street, Whitinsville, on June 5. For many years prior to his retirement, he was a machinist at the Whitin Machine Works.

Louis Laflamme on the death of his brother Leo.

Relatives and friends of Robert M. Allen, 79, who died June 11 at Whitinsville Hospital. A native of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, he was a gear cutter at the Whitin Machine Works prior to his retirement.

Survivors and friends of Louis Chabot, Sr., 68, of 26 Spring Street, who died suddenly on June 10. For many years prior to his retirement, he was a painter at the Whitin Machine Works.

George McKee, Department 416, on the recent death of his son, George McKee, Jr.

Paul Grenon on the death of his uncle in New Hampshire.

John Cichonski on the death of his father.

Donat Turcotte on the death of his mother in April.

Family and friends of Moses Marsoopian who died recently. Formerly employed in the Foundry, he made his home in Whitinsville.

Michael, John and Stephen Stanick on the death of their father.

Alex Lavallee, Department 422, on the death of his brother Paul.

Automation—New Word, Old Process

AUTOMATION—use of automatic machinery in production—has alarmed some people, who imagine "workerless factories" as a result. But although automation is a new word, the principle is ancient. Every tool invented by man to relieve drudgery and increase output, from the wheel and the plow to modern machines and assembly lines, is a form of automation. Mechanical progress not only has enriched our lives, but always makes more jobs and more opportunities.

FOR EXAMPLE, in 1880, when mechanical power supplied only 17% of work energy, 34% of our population had jobs. By 1930, when power provided 84% of work energy, 36% of the population were employed. And in 1954, with 95% of work energy supplied by power, 38% of the entire population, of all of the men, women and children in our country, were employed. There are always people who fear progress, but the actual record — one of more jobs, of new industries born, of better living — has proved their fears to be groundless. Automation is one more forward step.

Were Philip Murray alive today, *this campaign against mechanization would probably have died a'borning.* For it is he who said:

"I do not know of a single solitary instance where a great technological gain has taken place in the United States of America that it has actually thrown people out of work. I do not know of it, I am not aware of it, *because the industrial revolution that has taken place in the United States in the past 25 years has brought into the employment field an additional 20 million people.*"

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Familiar Faces

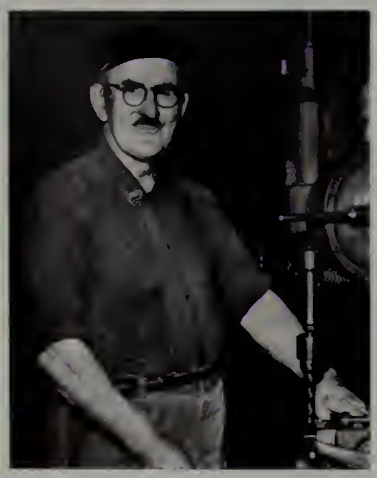
Around the Plant

Alphonse Pariseau, born in 1892, and his wife Flora live in Manchaug. They have 2 sons. This member of the Ring Job enjoys fishing and following the Red Sox team

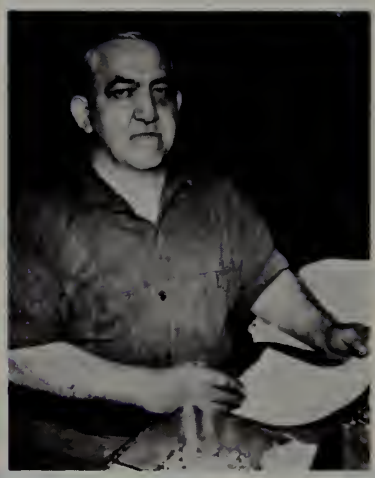
Zarius Forget, of 429, plays a good game of checkers and pitches a mean horseshoe. He began work here in 1926. He lives in Linwood and has 2 sons and a grandson

Margaret Newton, of the Production Department, has worked here 9 years. She lives with her husband in Northbridge. She enjoys outdoor sports, reading and sketching

Eleanor Dorsey, Personnel Department lives at 102 Main Street, Whitinsville. She has been an employee for 10 years. She enjoys travelling and recently took up gol



John Nelson, at 416, and his wife Olga live in a house they own in Douglas. They have 5 children and 4 grandchildren. John came to Whitin in December, 1914



Louis Philip Demers, Department 448, and his wife Augustine have 8 children. Louis lives in Whitinsville and has 32 years at Whitin. His hobby is stamp collecting

Alex McFarlane, Department 448, and his wife Jean have a son, 2 daughters, and a granddaughter. Alex came to this country from Scotland when he was 23 years old

ROUND THE CLOCK SERVICE

Whitin drivers take pride in the appearance of their vehicles and use the brief moments between jobs to clean and service their trucks. Lined up in front of the garage, a number of Whitin truckers pose with a small part of the Whitin fleet. From the left: Arthur White, John Collins, Rene Remillard, Albert Ducharme, Lester Wallace, George Bourassa, Ovila Vallee, George Forand, John McNely, and Leon Todd

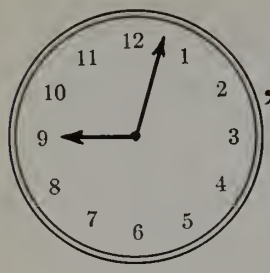
The Garage is headquarters for twenty-six Whitin employees whose primary function is to keep rolling the fleet of trucks, tractors, beach wagons, and sedans that serve the Shop. Ten of these workers are assigned to Department 472; fifteen to Department 473. Supervised by the same foreman, the two departments work together to assist in the maintenance work of the Shop, of the outside departments, and of the outside properties.

Garage

The Garage is unusual in that it is one of the few in the country outside the City of Worcester at which an attendant is on duty twenty-four hours a day. The several stations of the Garage are located on four floors of the brick building, served by an elevator capable of lifting 13,000 lbs. The basement floor is reserved for truck storage; the first floor for general servicing such as car washing, chain work, and changing antifreeze; the second floor for storage of Shop sedans; the third floor for a repair shop and stock room.

The ten employees who are assigned to Department 472 might be divided into a group which works full-time inside the garage building and a group which works both inside and outside the building.

Those who work inside, in addition to the foreman, include Assistant Foreman Theodore "Chick" Farrand, two mechanics, a truck dispatcher, and an office clerk. They perform the usual duties of a garage force. They operate an official brake and light inspection station, sell



'ROUND THE CLOCK (*continued*)

gasoline and oil, completely overhaul shop and salesmen's cars, and maintain all the Plant's gasoline-powered machines from the power lawn mowers to the fifteen-ton trailer truck. In addition, the Garage maintains the emergency-use gasoline motor at the pumping station and maintained, prior to its sale, all the trucks, tractors, and gasoline-powered equipment at Castle Hill Farm.

The Garage buys oil by the drum, antifreeze by the case, and has storage facilities for 51,000 gallons of gasoline and 10,000 gallons of kerosene.

Madern testing equipment takes mast of the guess wark aut of mator maintenance. Assistant Foreman Theadare "Chick" Farrand tests a cail an a motor analyser

A team af skilled mechanics, Albert "Chippy" Patvin, left, and Clarence Ray, perfarm periadic checkups an each Whitin vehicle. Here they make sure that the Whitin ambulance is ready ta rall an a mament's notice

Customer Service

Three sedans—a Cadillac, a Buick, and a Pontiac ar used to meet our customers and to bring them to th Plant. When the customer's business is completed, thes cars are used to return the customer to the desired statio or airport, which may be Boston, Worcester or Provi dence.

Ambulance

Most Whitin employees know that a well-equippe ambulance is kept ready to roll in any emergency Some may know that the ambulance is available fo emergency use by any Whitinsville resident. Probabl few realize that the same service is extended in life-o death cases to all of the surrounding towns—Sutton Douglas, Uxbridge, and others. Some time ago thi service helped save the life of an Uxbridge youngster.

Cooperation with Fire Department

There are both unofficial and official connection between the Garage and the Fire Department. Becaus an attendant is on duty twenty-four hours a day at th Garage, the fire phones are located there. The Garag also does maintenance work on the fire engines.

The unofficial connection is that Assistant Forema "Chick" Farrand is a lieutenant in the Fire Department He is qualified as a driver, as is Gordon Milkman, truc dispatcher. In case of fire, it is a matter of seconds befor the fire trucks are on their way.

Trucking Department

The Trucking Department is an independent depart ment serving the entire Whitin Machine Works. I operates a fleet of twenty-seven trucks (ranging in capac ity from a half ton to fifteen tons), four beach wagon and three tractors. Included in this department are si Chevrolet sedans used as Shop cars.

Any outside department can call directly for a truc and driver. Any inside department can secure a truc and driver by clearing through Arthur St. Andre Gordon Milkman is the truck dispatcher, keeping carefu records of the time of each driver and vehicle. Afte completing an assignment, the drivers report back to th Garage. Between assignments, they service their truck which are kept in excellent condition. The sedans ar also kept ready-to-go, and are washed and serviced afte each trip.

The Trucking Department moves about every type o material that can be shifted by truck, from snow, sand gravel, and machinery to the hauling of supplies needc by the Plant. Some parts purchased by Whitin from sul

Below: Because on attendont is on duty twenty-four hours a doy in the gorage, the fire phones ore located there. Goroge ottendant Maurice Morin pulls a forest fire olorm in the odjoining fire stotion

Above: The Whitin Garage, like any gorage, sells gos and oil. It also is on officiol broke and light station. Chester Roaf polishes a windshield while John Grocki fills the gas tonk

Above: Archie Bolivar, a driver with an outstanding record of safe driving, loads his beach wagon on the elevator. The beoch wagon will be serviced in the repair shop locoted on the third floor

Right: Foreman Joe Prendergost discusses clerical work with Mrs. Greto Bagnall, goroge bookkeeper

ontractors require special handling, so Whitin trucks ay be used. Certain special types of casting are frequently hauled by Whitin trucks from other foundries uch as Seaboard.

Whitin drivers have established a remarkable record r safe driving. Among the outstanding individual ecords are those of Lester Wallace and Arthur White ho have each driven fifteen years without an accident, at of Leon Todd who has driven seventeen years without an accident, and that of Archie Bolivar who has riven twenty-eight years without an accident.

Supervision

Heading Departments 472 and 473 is Foreman T. J. Joe" Prendergast, a thirteen-year Whitin employee who es at 26 High Street, Whitinsville. Joe and Dorothy ve a son and a granddaughter. Theodore "Chick" rrand is Assistant Foreman of Department 472. hick, an eighteen-year Whitin employee, lives at High Street, Whitinsville, with his wife Mary.

Senior Employees

The Senior Employees in the department include: bert Potvin, 35 years; Ralph Roberts, 35 years; ster Wallace, 35 years; Archie Boliver, 34 years; eorge Williamson, 34 years; Arthur S. White, 32 years; d Leon Todd, 22 years.

Below: Gordon Milkmon, shown honding o trip ticket to Chauffeur Robert Richords, dispotches the trucks and cors

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A FEW TIPS ON SAFETY AFLOAT

Safety statisticians, who don't like to rock boats or toss wet blankets, nevertheless point out to summer pleasure seekers that about 1,200 people a year are drowned in accidents involving rowboats, motor-driven boats, canoes and other small craft.

Carelessness, recklessness, sudden storms, high winds and dangerous water conditions are mostly to blame, although 10 per cent of drownings are caused by unseaworthy boats or motors conking out.

Inability to swim contributes to many fatalities; good swimmers, too, have been drowned because they wore heavy boots or clothing.

FRONT COVER: Green hills, sparkling water, and a cool breeze—that's New England in the summer time. At Whitin Reservoir Betty and Bill Spratt, night superintendent, enjoy a picnic with their children—six-year old Robert, and three-year old twins Brenda and Brian.

Whitin Personality

WHEN Gabriel blows his trumpet, Raymond F. Adams, Repair Sales, may well rise up and offer a few suggestions, for Raymond played and taught the instrument for over a quarter of a century. For twenty-six years he was manager of the Silver Rhythm Dance Band in which he played sax, clarinet and trumpet. Following World War I, he trained the Northbridge American Drum and Bugle Corps that won the state championship.

Ray was born in Rockdale on April 15, 1897, went to the public schools and attended Northbridge High. His first job as an assistant postmaster brought him $10 a week. He left the postal department to join Whitin as a time clerk in 1916. After several years he joined the Production Department, then transferred to Repair Sales.

In his present position he quotes delivery dates to our customers and makes sure the orders are delivered at the time specified.

On October 17, 1925, Ray and Mrs. Adams, the former Florence Barr of Whitinsville, were married in the Little Church Around The Corner New York. They now live in a shop apartment at 7 Forest Street, Whitinsville. Few Whitin employees have a shorter walk to work.

Ray's hobbies are golf and growing flowers. A good golfer, he says his game is only fair. He grows a variety of flowers—petunias, zinnias, and others—in the yard of his home. He is a Member of the Whitinsville Golf Club and of the Elks, Milford Lodge No. 628. If hard pressed, he will admit to being a Red Sox fan "through thick and thin," but claims that his chief interest is his home.

From APPRENTICES *To* JOURNEYMEN

President J. Hugh Bolton congratulates John Stanovitch upon completing a five-year apprenticeship as a die sinker. Mr. Bolton presented each of the graduating apprentices with his Whitin diploma. On the right is Mr. D. L. Frodine of the U. S. Department of Labor

A CLASS of nineteen young men graduated from the Apprentice School on Monday, June 20, 1955. At a dignified ceremony held in the school's assembly room at 11:00 a.m., each graduate received a Whitin diploma and a Massachusetts certificate, signifying that he had completed a three-year, four-year or five-year apprenticeship. Represented in the class were seven skilled trades.

President J. Hugh Bolton and Mr. D. L. Frodine, regional director of apprentice training, U. S. Department of Labor, were the principal speakers at the exercises. Mr. Bolton lauded the work of the Apprentice Committee, Apprentice Director Luke L. Lomartire, and the manner in which the apprentice program had been conducted. He announced that in the near future two apprentice graduates from the Shop and one from the Foundry would be selected for post-graduate training designed to develop a pool of potential supervisors. He then presented the Whitin diplomas.

Mr. D. L. Frodine spoke of the continuing need for skilled craftsmen, pointing out that in completing their apprenticeships the graduates had benefited themselves, their company, and their country. He noted that Whitin, a long-established firm, had been training apprentices for over a century, and wished that more companies would initiate similar training programs. He pointed out that, as they had been trained by journeymen, it was their duty to assist in training future apprentices. Mr. Frodine then presented the state certificates.

Among others at the speakers' table were: Frank N. Stone, Personnel Director; John H. Cunningham, Jr., General Superintendent; E. O. Pierson, Works Manager; Luke L. Lomartire, Apprentice Director; and Ernest Sias of the U. S. Department of Labor.

Witnessing the ceremony were members of management, the apprentices, and Whitin employees who are parents of the graduating apprentices.

Down seated are the nineteen new journeymen. Front row, from the left: Lloyd Rose, Draftsman; Lawrence Londry, Draftsman; Stuart White, Molder; Henry Rowczyk, Toolmaker; John Larsen, Erector; Vartkes Egsegian, Erector; Wayne Burroughs, Machinist; Raymond Richard, Machinist; Richard Gjeltemo, Machinist; and Kenneth Reid, Machinist. Second row: Cornelius Visbeck, Draftsman; Roland Benoit, Toolmaker; Harmon Miedema, Machinist; Arthur Bokoski, Machinist; John Stanovitch, Die Sinker; Frederick Keene, Electrician; Robert Cotnoir, Erector; Floyd Gudanowski, Erector; and Francis Racine, Erector. Standing, from the left: Personnel Director Frank N. Stone, General Superintendent John H. Cunningham, Jr., Works Manager Erik O. Pierson, Mr. D. L. Frodine, Apprentice Director Luke L. Lomartire, President J. Hugh Bolton, Mr. Martin Salmon, and Mr. Ernest Sias. Messrs. Frodine, Sias, and Salmon are with the U. S. Department of Labor

Q. What is Social Security?

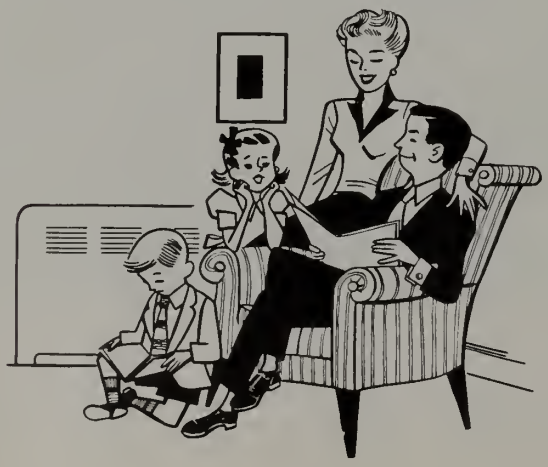
A. Social Security is a program, paid for by you and your employer, under which you have the right to receive certain sums of money regardless of how much property or other income you are entitled to. It is not charity or a gift from the government.

Q. What does the new Social Security Law do to this program?

A. If you have not yet retired, the law which went into effect Jan. 1, 1955 is going to cost both you and your employer a little more. On the other hand, when you retire—or if you've already retired—you stand to gain by the change. Social Security is one of your most important assets, for its benefits may be worth thousands of dollars to you and your family.

Q. What are these benefits?

A. There are two kinds of benefits by which this program will bring money to you or your family. The first of these is the right to receive retirement checks. The second is the right of your family to receive survivors' benefits checks if you should die.

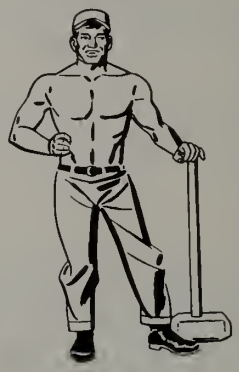


Q. When do I get these retirement benefits and when does my family get survivors' benefits?

A. You will get retirement benefits as soon as you reach the age of 65 and retire. These benefits will continue as long as you live. Your family will get survivors' benefits if you die insured at any time. If you keep on working after 65 your monthly benefits may be reduced up until the time you are 75. After 75 you can earn any amount without losing a penny of your benefit.

Q. How much did this program cost me and the company which employs me?

A. You and your employer each pay an equal amount for your Social Security. During the next five years —the period 1955 through 1959—the most you will be taxed in any year is $84. This is because during this period 1955 through 1959 you pay each year 2% of your wages up to a salary of $4200 a year. In future years this percentage will increase until, after 1975, you each will be paying 4%.



Q. Who is insured?

A. The new law extends Social Security to perhaps an additional 10,000,000 people, who are fishermen, farmers, and other occupations, as well as to people who were formerly covered, as for example, people who work in the Whitin Machine Works and similar plants.

Q. What does it mean to be "fully insured?" Is there any benefit to being "currently insured?"

A. Each year is divided into four quarters—the three-month periods beginning January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1. To get credit for any quarter, you must earn at least $50 in that quarter. The number of quarters a person needs to be fully covered varies with a person's age. The law says that a person is

"fully insured" if he has to his credit at least half as many quarters as there are calendar years between January 1, 1951, and the quarter in which he reached age 65 or died. This sounds complicated—in simple language it means that if you are under 49 years of age you will be covered for life as soon as you have worked 10 years or 40 quarters. Even before that time there are some benefits for those who are currently insured.

Q. How much is the payoff?

A. How much you get depends on three things: your average monthly wage, the number of persons in your family, and their ages. In everyday terms, that means you get at least $30 a month when you reach 65, and that probably much more up to a total of $200 a month if you are married and have children who are still under 18.

Q. Suppose I die before I reach 65?

A. If you are fully insured, your family gets from $50 to $200 a month. Monthly benefits are payable if your widow is over 65, if you have one or more children under 18, or if you are supporting parents over 65. If you are merely currently insured, your wife and children can collect until the youngest child reaches 18. There is also a lump sum death benefit up to $255 which helps pay funeral expenses.

Q. Do veterans have any special rights?

A. They sure do! If you are a veteran, you get a wage credit of $160 a month for every month you spent in military service after September 16, 1940.

Q. How about working wives?

A. Almost the same rights as a man, except your husband can't collect as your "spouse" unless he is over 65 and is dependent on you for more than half his support.

Q. What if I become disabled? Will that bring my average earnings down?

A. If you are totally disabled for six months or longer you may be able to have your earning record "frozen" so that your average earnings will not be brought down. If you are disabled, get in touch with your nearest Social Security Office.

Q. What is a "drop out?"

A. It might happen that you had some years when your wages were low. In figuring your average earnings, after 1950 you can leave out up to four calendar years if you choose. Under certain conditions it may be possible to omit a fifth year. This of course increases the amount claimed as average earnings and results in a larger benefit check to you.

Q. Can I check on the amount credited to my Social Security account?

A. You sure can. You may check your official Social Security record as often as once a year by writing to the Social Security Administration, Baltimore, Maryland, and asking for a statement of your account.

Q. How do I start the checks coming?

A. You or your survivors must start the ball rolling by filing a claim with the nearest Social Security Office. The Worcester District Office is at 34 Mechanic Street, Worcester, Mass. You may receive help from Mr. Henry Crawford of the Personnel Office if you so desire.

Q. What stops the checks coming?

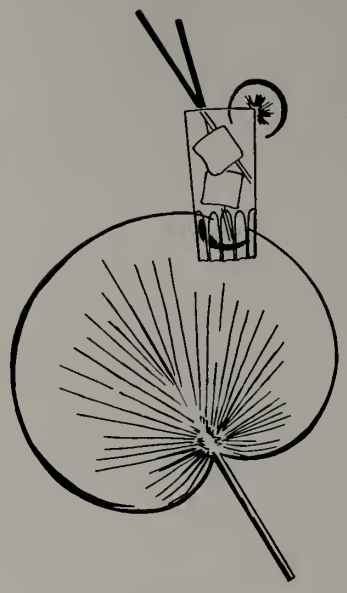
A. Payments may end if the person receiving them marries, is deported, divorced, is adopted by anyone outside his family, reaches the age of 18, or dies. It depends on the type of benefit and circumstances, but all good things come to an end.

Q. When and where may a representative of the Worcester District Office be contacted in Whitinsville?

A. In the Town Hall (Court House) from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. first Wednesday of each month.

What You Can Do to

BEAT THE HEAT



When the glass is at ninety
a man is a fool
Who directs not his efforts
to try to keep cool.

NINETY IN THE SHADE
by Joseph Ashby-Sterry

YES, IT IS HOT! All the talk in the world won't make it one degree cooler. Fortunately there are several practical, inexpensive things you can do to make yourself and your family more comfortable. Let's talk about your personal comfort.

The first problem is not the heat outside you but the heat inside. Your body can use an inside temperature of between 97 and 99 degrees. Your body must get rid of heat whenever the inside temperature rises higher.

That is why one of the most cooling things you can do is to sweat, or if you prefer, perspire. It's nature's automatic air conditioning system. You can help by drinking water—twelve or fifteen glasses of water a day, by taking extra salt unless you suffer from heart disease, kidney disease, or high blood pressure, and by eating well-balanced cool-looking meals containing proteins such as fish, meat, or eggs. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages will make you over-heated.

Wear light-colored, loose fitting clothes. Some of the newer fabrics are easy to wash. Bathe often, using lukewarm (not cold) water in tub or shower. At times soak your hands, wrists, and arms in cool water.

Use the outdoors. Swings, hammocks, lawn furniture, plastic pools and outdoor fireplaces will all contribute to your comfort. Indoor comfort can be increased by cross ventilation, by portable fans or attic fans. Remember, when the outside temperature is hotter than the inside temperature, it is better not to use the fans to pull in outside air.

Air conditioning is good but expensive. Remember that the same insulation which keeps you warm in winter will keep a house cooler in summer. As a long range project, plant trees to shade the west wall and roof of your house. On a very hot day you can cool a room by spraying the outside roof with water.

During hot weather housewives might plan easy to prepare, appealing meals, such as salads or dishes that can be prepared during the cool hours of the morning and warmed up just before mealtime. Some ladies even keep their cologne, lipstick and the sheets in the refrigerator or freezer.

Lastly and most important, keep cool mentally. Worry or fretting makes you even more uncomfortable in hot weather.

Northbridge High School Chompionship boseball team 1955. Front row, from the left: Normond Lavallee, Donold Londry, Richard Powers, Armand Sobourin, Co-Captain; James Mahoney, Co-Captain; Leo Gagnon, John Cunningham, Allen Davidson, Leonard Vondal, ond David Grennon. Second row, from the left: Leo H. Smith, Cooch; Leo Gosselin, Bruce Davidson, Walter Convent, Lawrence Jackman, James Wassener, Donold Frieswyk, Joseph Mahoney, ond Richard Sabourin. Absent when photo wos token: Williom Vierstra, Philip Bolster, Joseph Chobot, Poul Thibault, Maurice Chenevert, and Manogers Froncis Merolli ond Bruce Burroughs

Northbridge Wins Championship

By James Brosnahan

When the lights went out on 1951's Valley League it seemed to one and all that they were gone for good. Here in the heart of the Valley we began a reconstruction program. When we first embraced Little and then Intermediate League, the critics were most vehement in their opinions: "This would never bring baseball back." The crowds were gone—no interest, and so they argued hot and heavy.

In 1954 came the first break. Our Little Leaguers really awoke the town with their Region 1, District 2, Championship. Before their elimination they had drawn crowds of 300 to 400 spectators to watch them play games 80 miles from home.

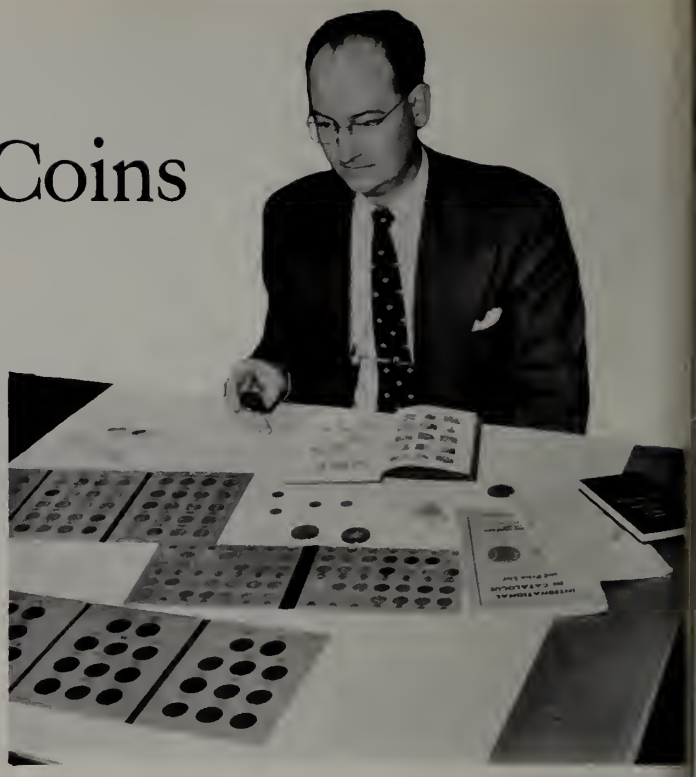
But, now it's 1955 with which we have to contend and lo and behold it's happened again. Our Northbridge High School high stepping Rams, tutored ably by Coach Leo H. Smith, went on a 9-game winning spree to cop the Blackstone Valley League crown and in the interim found time to make it 13 straight by gaining the nod in 5 exhibition games.

This was Northbridge's only undefeated slate in 50 years and they were picked along with Worcester Boys' Trade School (also undefeated) to represent central Massachusetts in the western Massachusetts schoolboy championship play-off. Proud Trade went down by an 8 to 0 count as the Rams 10-game winner Leo Gagnon had himself a day. He was backed up by the big bat of Co-Captain Jimmy Mahoney and the all-around heads-up play of his partner Co-Captain Armand Sabourin. The boys then journeyed to Holyoke to meet Pittsfield (a school with an enrollment of 2,000 students) in the semi-finals. Pittsfield went out to a 2-run advantage until the seventh, then came trouble. This Ram Club, which had a total of 75 stolen bases and a love for running, started to run on the third successive single. They ran two men onto third base while another runner reached second. The Pittsfield second baseman's wild throw to nail the two men hung up at third went into the stands and the Rams had a ball game 3 to 2. In the finals against Chicopee, the Rams were defeated by a score of 9 to 4. Once more our disinterested fans, so-called, were on the road and baseball was on the tongues of all. The Rams had 500 to 600 fans with them in their last 3 games. What's been going on these past 4 years is paying off. The question around town today is "What is going to happen to baseball locally?"

Well, this is what I see in my crystal ball. Little League starts them, Intermediate League shapes them, our high school molds and develops them and right now we are but a year away from the final step. The Valley League will once again entertain you but this time with our own sons and neighbors, trained by the men of this town. It was fortunate that we had a man with vision who realized the value of keeping these Leagues intact.

Yes fans, in a small way, this year may see a big step taken by our Intermediate League and those of Douglas, Uxbridge, and Grafton to keep the ball rolling toward the revival of the Valley League. There's talk now of a Junior League with Northbridge contributing 4 teams and one each from the aforementioned towns. The setup would be a 7 team league. If this catches the fans' fancy, King Baseball may return.

HOBBY—Collecting Coins



Few hobbies are as easy to liquidate without financial loss as Howard Anderson's hobby of collecting coins. The value to a collector of the silver dollars held by Howard is determined in part by the year of issue and by the mint—Denver, San Francisco, or Philadelphia—at which it was coined. The coin boards in which the money is displayed are inexpensive

Howard K. Anderson, a numismatist for over twenty years, has been serious about it for the past year-and-a-half. Lest any be alarmed, let us explain that a numismatist is a person who collects coins not for their intrinsic value but as a hobby. Howard reports that it is an interesting activity which could be profitable.

There are scores of coins dated after 1892 that are in circulation and worth a premium to collectors. For example, that Lincoln penny that you last used in a parking meter—are you sure it wasn't coined in 1914 at the Denver mint? For if it was, you might have sold it to a collector for about $35. Many other coins also sell for prices well above their face value. Perhaps you have such coins in your pocket at this minute.

The interest comes from the fact that each of the United States coins in current circulation is a work of art that tells a story to the informed collector. The beginning collector may start by systematically assembling the various dates and mint marks of all the types and denominations that are now in general circulation.

Howard, like most coin collectors, is interested primarily in collecting sets of coins. For example, the Jefferson nickel has 51 dates and mint marks and the Roosevelt dime has 27. Howard has completed each of these sets and has nearly completed a set of all the different types of Indian head pennies minted between 1864 and 1909. He says that at the start it is easy to find a variety of coins, but that you soon discover that certain coins from certain mints are hard to find.

This rarity, together with the condition of the coin, helps determine the price the coin will bring. (The final factor is how badly the other fellow wants the coin.) The U. S. has been making coins at several mints since 1792 or 1793. There is disagreement as to the actual date of the first coining, for the Treasury Department says the first coins, cents and half-cents, were struck in March, 1793, and President George Washington said that the first coins were half-dismes (yes, it's spelled that way) coined in 1792. Most numismatists agree that Washington could not have told a lie.

All of these coins have been catalogued. The beginner can find which coins to look for in reference books such as *Whitman's Handbook of United States Coins*. This book sells for one dollar. *Hewitt's Check List and Record Book of United States Coins* is also a useful tool.

Since 1793 the United States has issued some coins of which you may not have heard. At one time or the other, our country has issued half-cents, large one-cents, small one-cents, two-cent pieces, three-cent pieces, small nickels, regular nickels, small half-dimes, dimes, twenty-cent pieces, quarters, half-dollars, silver dollars, and gold coins worth $1, $2.50, $3, $5, $10, and $20. Howard has not collected any gold coins.

He reports that there are interesting stories behind many coins. For example, did you know that the portrait on the Indian head cent is really that of Sarah Longacre, a white girl wearing an Indian headdress? The buffalo on the nickel is modeled after Black Diamond, who was kept in the New York Zoological Garden until 1915. The Indian on the obverse side is a combination of the portraits of three Indians—Irontail, Two Moons, and a Cheyenne Chief. Many of the "centless" nickels of 1883 were gold-plated and passed as five-dollar pieces by unscrupulous persons.

Howard suggests that a good source of coins is to purchase rolls at the bank, to examine each coin, to retain those needed in your collection, and to return the unwanted coins. His own collection contains between six and seven hundred coins. Rarer coins are obtained by purchase or by swapping.

Howard, who is assistant supervisor of product estimating in the Cost Department, lives with his wife Isabelle and their two daughters, 7-year old Virginia Sue and 5-year old Barbara Jane, at 54 Fairlawn Street, Whitinsville.

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The most valuable asset that anyone can have is experience. A man of wealth values the experience that has come to him through its acquirement far more than he does the wealth itself, for if that wealth should be suddenly swept from him, he would still have something on which to build.—from *Good Business.*

Jest a Joke

Two revelers approached a railway ticket window. One was carrying his friend in his arms. The weight caused him to stagger.

"Ticket to Joliet," he said.

The clerk studied the money that was handed to him.

"Wait a minute," he said. "This is only the price of one ticket. How about your friend?"

The first man looked fondly at the fellow in his arms.

"He's only a baby, mister," he explained. "Only six years old."

The clerk took a second look.

"Six years old, my eye!" he cried. "Why he's six feet tall, weighs about 200 pounds—and has a beard as thick as a mattress!"

The ticket-buyer dropped his burden unceremoniously.

"You idiot," he howled at his pal. "I told you to shave!"

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Looking over the rim of a volcano's crater, an American tourist said to his companion, "Reminds one of hell, doesn't it."

A native guide, overhearing the remark, threw up his hands in amazement and said, "These Americans! They have been everywhere."

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Maybe it's a good thing that men don't understand women—because women understand women and they don't like them.

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Don't boast of being a brave and fearless man until you have felt your way through a dark room at 2 a.m. to investigate a strange noise—and have had a broom handle fall against the middle of your back.

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Sunday school sometimes has a hard way of getting home to the youngsters. One child was heard remarking to his companion: "Share like the Bible says, or I'll break this baseball bat over your head."

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An old mountaineer and his son were sitting by the fire smoking their pipes, crossing and uncrossing their legs. After a long silence, the father said, "Son, step outside and see if it's raining."

Without looking up, the son answered, "Aw, Pa, why don't we jest call in the dog and see if he's wet."

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Their cars having collided, Jock and Mike were surveying the situation when Jock offered Mike a drink. Mike drank and then returned the bottle to his pocket.

Mike—"Aren't you going to have a drink yourself?"

Jock—"Not until after the police have been here."

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The doctor's new secretary was puzzled by an entry in the doctor's notes on an emergency case: "Shot in the lumbar region," it read. After a moment she brightened and, in the interest of clarity, typed in to the record, "Shot in the woods."

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One flea to the other, as they walked down Main Street: "Shall we walk or take a dog?"

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A little boy, caught in mischief, was asked by his mother: "How do you expect to get into heaven?"

He thought a minute and then said: "Well, I'll just run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door till they say, 'For goodness sake, come in or stay out!' Then I'll go in."

KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

SHEET METAL, PAINT AND CREEL JOBS

by Dorsey Devlin

Everyone returned from his vacation on Monday, July 18, well-tanned and rested. Some took trips, others stayed at home, while still others did not fare so well. We will devote the column this month mostly to vacation news.

Walter Misiuk spent his vacation in City Hospital, Worcester and at this writing has not returned. . . . Bob Bilodeau, who was struck by lightning during a storm in June, is still absent.

Vacation time was spent by Alan Paddock and family at Swift's Beach, Wareham; Russ Wood and family in Maine "pitching hay"; Alfie Berube painting his house and spreading gravel in his driveways; Jim Fisher and family in Virginia; Bobby Campo fishing at Meadow Pond; Elce Rainville at St. Ann De Beaupre, Ontario, Montreal and Beauford, Canada, where he was planning for the Labor Day celebration of the 300th anniversary of the first Rainville settling in Canada; Russ Rosborough and family at Point Judith (Russ spent the rest of his vacation getting over a severe sunburn); John DeBoer, Jr. at the DeBoer family reunion in Grand Rapids, Michigan where forty-three relatives attended; Allan McCrea at Westburg, L. I.; John Rumonoski at Indian Ranch; Charlie Wilson and family at his Camp on Tucker Lake; Edmund Brouillette at Milford, Conn.; Marco Bolduc at Old Orchard; Paul Madigar at Manchaug Hotel; Lucien Paulhus at Narragansett Pier; Eddie Horan and wife in New York State, Adirondack Mountains and the Thousand Islands; Jack Healey and family at White Horse Beach, Plymouth; Neil Horan at Nantasket Beach; Pat Britt in plane trips over Block Island, Maine, Nova Scotia and New Hampshire.

Paint Job Brushoffs: Eddie Jussaume motored through the Province of Quebec. Val Yargeau and Walter Pouliot painted houses mornings and went swimming afternoons. Henry Laviemodiere was in Pittsburg. Arthur Laferriere and family went to Farmington, Maine. Harold Ingham rooted for the Red Sox, rain or shine. George Dykstra and Eddie Nuttall and families went to Cape Cod. Ross Rajotte and family toured Rhode Island, Cape Cod and the Berkshires. Herve Ayotte and Francis Shea visited friends in Florida and Cuba. William Tyler and wife were at York Beach, Maine.

STEEL FABRICATION AND CUT-OFF JOBS

by Maurice P. Valois

Steel Fabrication has added *three* new employees to its working force. *First,* let's shake hands with Ovila J. St. Germain of Woonsocket, R. I. Born in Canada on January 10, 1903, he arrived in Woonsocket at the early age of five. After attending Public School in Woonsocket, he started his working career at the Desurmont Woolen Mills as a roving boy. Ovila has had many textile jobs and has worked in mills such as the Waucantuck in Uxbridge, the Manville-Jenckes in Manville, R. I., and the Blackstone Mills (now Tupper Plastics) in Blackstone, Mass. In 1925 he married Miss Helene St. Germain (yes, same name) in St. Anne's Church, Woonsocket. Three daughters and one son complete the family picture. Ovila loves fishing, enjoys TV, and is a Giants fan. He drives a '51 Mercury and is also the owner of a 1931 Essex, which will be rigged up for antique shows. Mr. St. Germain's duties on 432 are that of gas welder and finish grinder.

The *next man* is Armand E. Tedeschi, Jr., who lives in Blackstone, Massachusetts, where he was born and raised. Armand prefers to be called *Ted.* Ted attended Blackstone High and graduated in '53. He is now attending R. I. School of Design to learn machine design. His hobbies are swimming and watching stock-car racing. He is also a very good baseball player and is a member of the U. S. Naval Reserve in Woonsocket.

Last man is Dino J. Vetri, better known as *Zeke.* Born and raised in Woonsocket, he attended Woonsocket Schools and graduated in 1951. Zeke is an ex-Marine who served in Korea. He joined W.M.W. last June as a finish grinder. His hobby is singular and profitable—automobile repairs. Zeke will take Miss Dorothy Zanella of Woonsocket as his bride on August 20. The wedding will take place at St. Anthony's Church, Greene Street, Woonsocket.

SPINNING, CARD ERECTING AND POLISHING

by Francis Horan

With our vacation period being the first two weeks in July, we had to get our news in a month ahead of time, so please pardon any omissions. If you went to the beach, how many of you were told that your children could not use inner tubes, plastic rings, and beach balls in the water? I was informed a year ago that it would happen throughout the state. The informer was none other than Edward Blaine, one of the greatest instructors on swimming that I have seen in years—Location, the Kiwanis Beach (the old Five Oaks to us old timers).

I personally did not meet many of the members of these departments while on vacation. Funny thing though, it just happened that when I stopped in certain amusement parks in this area on Kiddies'

On June 30 two Foundry employees retired. Joseph Vincent, who has worked here since 1942, received a check from his associates presented by Robert Walker. Victor Carpenter, who had worked here since 1935, received a purse from his associates presented by Roland Hanson.

An interesting part of the life of a Whitin erector are the people one meets. Returning from Mexico City by plane, Bob Romasco sat with Barbara Marciano, wife of "Rocky" Marciano

Day (the rides are 5 cents) I never failed to meet Mike Feen or Leopaul Gamelin. Such bargain hunters!

Bob Williams is already taking books on agriculture from the Library. He got a third instead of a first award this year on his garden. Anybody want to bet on next year? . . . Can't mention Bob without saying it is nice to see Mrs. "Dick" Williams home again from the hospital. . . . Now vacations are over, we still are looking for interesting pictures of your trips. . . . We were all sorry to hear of Bill Crossland's sudden death. Bill formerly was employed here on Department 33 before his transfer. We will always remember him as a jovial and pleasant associate. We extend our sympathy to his family.

Celebrating wedding anniversaries in that now past month of July were: "Ben" Scott, "Jim" Scott (brothers by the way), Howard Heald, now retired, Francis Coffey and Frank Convent. . . . Birthday anniversaries were Bill Wilson, Jim Woodburn and Garabed Katchigian.

GRINDER JOB

by Betty Ann Feen

Belated birthday greetings for the month of June are extended to Vic Fagnant, Bill LeBlanc, Ray Roy, and Normand Proulx. Birthday greetings for July and August are extended to Albert Buma, Bill Markarian, Herman Picard, Foreman Bill Todd and "yours truly."

Anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Neslusan on July 4. Paul works on the night shift. . . . Also to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Roy who celebrate their eleventh on August 12; to Mr. and Mrs. William Todd who celebrate their twenty-third on August 5, and to Mr. and Mrs. Bertrand Levitre on August 30. May they all celebrate many more together.

Well, everyone is back from an enjoyable two weeks' vacation. All look well-rested. Vacations were the popular pastime of the department last month: Bill Todd in Vermont and New Hampshire, Tom Tycks at Cape Cod, Emma Philbrook in Maine, Ray Fitton at Point Judith, Mrs. Spencer at Dolly Copp Camp in New Hampshire, Herman Picard and Joe Bruneau in Canada, Percy Luchini in New Hampshire, Henry Nejadlik in the White Mountains, Joe Waterman motored to Washington, the Carolinas and Virginia, Ed Ryan in New Hampshire, Charles Barney at Cape Cod, Ray Basinet at Horse Neck Beach, Walter Solina in Maine and Vermont, Beatrice Winchell in New Hampshire, Fred Bouffard in the White Mountains, Vic Fagnant in Maine and New Hampshire, Clinton Tracy at Cape Cod, Arthur Ricard, salt water fishing, Jim Sheehan at Ocean Beach in New London, Gus Gauthier moving into his new home. The others took day trips, or stayed home and puttered around the house.

Frank Mancini, our planner, left for the first two weeks in August to go on maneuvers with the National Guard at Camp Drum, New York.

TIN CYLINDER JOB

by Wilbur Baird

The new car bug has bit Anthony Campo who has a '55 Chevrolet and Wilbur Baird is sporting a '50 Mercury. . . . Harry Malkasian was patient in Memorial Hospital. Speedy recovery, Harry, is the wish of all in Department 450. . . . Our foreman, Alan Blizard entered St. Vincent Hospital July 20 to undergo surgery. Speedy recovery to you, Al, from all of us.

Vacation Notes: We all returned to work tanned, well-rested, and ready to settle down for another year. . . . Reggie Demague took a 1600-mile ride during vacation. He went to Canada and stopped at Old Orchard on his return trip. . . . Frank DeJong and family were seen having a good time at the Cape. . . . Anthony Campo and family and Bernard Farrar spent time at Point Judith. . . . Carl Bosma and family took day trips to visit friends and relations. . . . . Al Cupka and family spent several days at New London, Connecticut. . . . Gordon Demague spent his vacation taking short day trips. . . . Earl Martinson also took short trips. . . . Emil Roy and family spent their vacation in Canada visiting relatives. . . . Al Blizard and family spent a few days at the beaches. . . . Roland Guertin worked on his new home. . . . Paul Zemianek spent his vacation in New Hampshire and at Wallum Lake. . . . Anthony Gosselin has returned to work after a six-month leave of absence.

Anita Baumier, Department 437, visited our National Capitol with her daughter Jill during vacation

Bob enjoyed talking with "Rocky" Marciano, center, on the plane trip from Mexico City

RING JOB

by Robert E. Balcome

Just before vacation, two of our fellow-workers were involved in an incident which should be recorded. Pete Berthelette, apparently a good quiet fellow, engaged Bill Malley to cut hay for him. In the last of three fields, Bill noticed a large clump of poison ivy. Thinking it covered a rock he gave it a wide berth until nearly finished, when he cautiously lowered the blade of the mowing machine to take off the top. He soon discovered he had taken off the top of a 30-foot open well.

This is the day after two weeks' vacation—temperature 90 degrees plus, humidity 70 per cent. . . . We are glad to welcome back Albert (Tony) Bouchard after a long spell of sickness. . . . Birthday greetings go to Margaret Marshall, Joe Turgeon, Harry Bailey, Pete Roberts, Louis Dionne and Everett Gaspar. . . . Jim Gusney was our champion long distance traveler during vacation. Jim went to Newfoundland in his new Chevy beach wagon. Ken McCullough traveled about 3000 miles through Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Your reporter left out Quebec but added Prince Edward Island.

RESEARCH DIVISION

by Bernice Taylor

Vacation Time: The shortest two weeks in the year. That "two weeks off with pay" was certainly appreciated and enjoyed by all. The members of our Research Division covered a great deal of territory—from Canada to Florida.

Friends meet at Radio City, New York during their July vacation: Mrs. Philip Holmes, daughter Linda, Mrs. McClellan, Adeline Montgomery, and Janet Holmes of Long Island, sister-in-law of Philip Holmes who took the picture

In asking the people that inevitable question, "What did you do on your vacation?" we received varied and sometimes humorous answers. Al Toomey insists that he went to Bermuda. Now, whether he did or not is a moot question, but there it is, Al. Hope he had fun. Ken Stanley drove to Florida, and while he was there, he met Joe Laczynski, Ross Newton and Bob Crossland. They had a grand reunion. Bill McFarland vacationed at Cape Cod, as did Peter Strang, Sam Gustavson, Ernie Zimmerman and Spike Smith. It seems Warren "Soup" Campbell "had himself a time." As his answer he has written, Cape Cod, Maine, Nantucket, Whitinsville, Uxbridge, East Douglas, Worcester, Framingham, Shoppers' World and Purgatory.

At a special recognition banquet held recently at Treasure Valley, the Worcester Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America presented a plaque to the Whitin Machine Works in appreciation of the Company's service to the scout program. Vice-president Erik Pierson accepted the award for the Company

How that boy does get around! Ed Perry says he spent his vacation on a ladder. He painted his summer cottage. John Dudley enjoyed his two weeks at their cottage at Whitin Reservoir. Bill Werth says he went to Rhode Island and has written the words "clam chowder" so it must have been good. Bill Lundgren stayed at home and enjoyed the company of his granddaughter who came all the way from Arkansas. . . . Eileen Holmes went on a camping trip to Virginia. Canada was a popular place this year. Our neighboring country was visited by Tom Cody, Jean Champagne, Bea Cant and Bernice Taylor. Wally Caron and family had a cottage at Misquamicut Beach, R. I. Floyd Gudanowski spent his time at Lake Winnipesaukee. Jack Hapworth and Peter Regas toured the New England States. Jeff Manning visited his home town Utica, New York. Many others made various trips and some stayed at home and soaked up the sunshine. Albert Benson vacationed in New Hampshire, and Al Meservey went to Maine. Myron Boyko enjoyed a stay at Bonnet Shores.

Congratulations to Roland Graves this month on receiving his 25 year pin. . . . A welcome to a new member of the Research Division, William Strzelewicz from Webster, Mass. . . . Happy anniversary this month to Spike Smith and Chick Blakely, and double congratulations to Bea Cant, who has a birthday and an anniversary in the month of August. . . . So there it is for this month. I hope you all will bring in pictures of that treasured vacation for next month's SPINDLE.

CARDS, SMALL PARTS AND CYLINDERS

by George Forsythe

First of all we welcome Walter Duso to our department. . . . Birthday greetings are extended to Richard Sanderson and Gordon Thomson. . . . On June 15 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sanderson celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary. . . . On June 19 Richard's father and mother celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary. Both couples have our congratulations and best wishes.

On June 30 Orrie Jacobs retired after 40 years with the Whitin Machine Works. We will miss Orrie, but we hope he enjoys himself during his retirement. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ratty and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Houle enjoyed their trip to North Carolina.

BOX JOB

by Alice Travaille

Everyone reluctantly returned to work after visiting their favorite vacation places: traveling furthest were Paul Grenon and Joe Lemieux, who visited Canada; Benny Oles went to Bear Mountain, N. Y.; Joe Labrecque to Tarrytown, N. Y.; Jim Dorsey to Lake Luzerne, N. Y. Ralph Nolet,

Chillo Lariviere, Al Kapolka, Al Blanchette, Paul Roy, Leon Duda, and your reporter stayed home or visited local beaches. Henry Such visited the White Mountains and various New Hampshire and Maine beaches. . . . Our elevator operator, Leo Turcotte, hopes he didn't start anything when he volunteered to baby-sit and keep house.

MILLING JOB

by Harry Ludvigson

Personality of the month: While everyone on the job knows Owen Flood as a mild-mannered, quiet gentleman, many will find it hard to believe that in his youth Owen was one of the great featherweight boxers. Fighting under the name of Barney Rivers, in one hundred and twenty-five bouts he won eighty-five times, lost seven times, and had fifteen drawn decisions. The remaining bouts were no-decision affairs.

Owen had to become a fighter, for he was born in 1897 in a section of Newark, New Jersey where on an average day a boy had at least three fights and was practically certain to be wearing a shiner. Trained by the former great middleweight Joe Thomas, Owen became amateur champion of Rhode Island in 1918. He turned professional and for the next six years fought as many as three times a week.

We can't list all his fights, but oldtimers will remember such names as Al Driscoll, Newman Reagan, and Jean Ferrer. Owen also played semi-pro baseball as a shortstop with Mapleville, Rhode Island where he had as teammates Bill Stewart and Gabby Hartnett.

Except for a six-month period when he was a rivet-catcher in Newark, Owen, or Barney as he is called, has lived in Woonsocket since 1918. Naturally his hobbies are boxing and baseball. He is a Red Sox fan.

How, when, and why department: How can Arthur Jackman eat dinner after his morning Dagwood sandwich? When is Russ Palmer going to show us that car? Why did Leonard Baldwin walk two miles for gas when the tank was full? As a result of his hike, John Andonian, Gordon Rankin, Leonard Baldwin, Jr., and Pete Lalliere returned home two hours late from a night ball game in Boston. How did Philip Lariviere enjoy having the happy birthday song played in his honor at the Friendly Club, North Smithfield on July 4?

Anniversaries: Mr. and Mrs. George Vincent celebrated their thirty-fifth on May 31. Their son George J. is employed in the Foundry Office. They have three grandchildren. . . . Mrs. Ludvigson and I celebrated our twenty-eighth anniversary on June 13. We received many gifts, but regret that one of our six children, our son Edward, was unable to be present, for he is with the Army in Orleans, France.

Leo Roussel left us July 1 to work in Providence. We wish him luck in his new job.

This group worked in the Outside Painting Department back in the year 1929. From the left: front row—Henry Cronin, Arthur Thompson, William Harris, Richard Hyland and Kenneth Stoirs; back row—Jack Creighton, Thomas Lennon, Gerben Folkerts, Wilfred Sampson, John Schotanus, James Dundos, Walter Kapolko and William Murray

Fighting under the name of Barney Rivers, Owen Flood, Department 416, was an outstanding featherweight boxer in his youth

The "Jolly Seven" celebrated the birthday of Pete Nash, Milling Job, in East Douglas. Pete is about to cut his birthday cake

MYSTERY PHOTO—July's mystery duo (left) was Ted Fowler and Ken Greenwood. The four men above should be familiar to you

Two Northbridge servicemen, Pfc. Robert Holey and Pfc. William Bruneau, recently met in Germany. The two friends went through basic training together and were then separated

Two Whitin employees and a former Whitin employee make the only combination of a father and two sons currently serving in the Massachusetts National Guard. From the left: Norman Sherman of Department 429, Arthur Sherman formerly of the Foundry, and Raymond Sherman who is an inspector in Department 412. They are members of Company I, Milford

Michael Joseph Campo, age two, is the pride and joy of Anthony Campo, Jr., Department 450

TOOL JOB

by George Jones

Congratulations to Richard Bosma (repair man) on completing 35 years in the W.M.W. . . . Joe Bartlett (repair man) celebrated his 9th wedding anniversary on July 13th. . . . Herman Haagsma (die maker) shot a woodchuck in his garden and when he went to dispose of it he discovered that the bullet had gone completely through and had killed another woodchuck that Herman hadn't seen. . . . Jim O'Rourke (grinder hand) and Sidney "Sip" Lafleur (supervisor) played golf together July 2nd, and rumors have it that Jim purposely let Sip win. . . . The Tool Job wishes David Aldrich, who retired July 1st, many enjoyable years of retirement. . . . The new shaper hand is Raymond Girard and he lives on Pine Street in Whitinsville with his wife and daughter. Ray was transferred from Department 423 and has tropical fish for a hobby.

BOLSTER JOB

by Charles Kheboian

It is a little difficult to get all the news about vacations on such short notice. I hope the people I have overlooked will excuse me. We had many people touring different parts of Canada. Among them were Roland Roy, Phil Brochu, and Al Girouard. Al also took a trip to Fort Ticonderoga and Ausable Chasm. Among our Maine tourists and beach lovers were Lois Blakely, Leo Bouley, Al Majeau and Ed Roberts. Vermont and New Hampshire were visited by George Sesona, William Vandersloot and C. Kheboian. Visitors to New York state were Tony DeStefanis and Walter Turpack. Walter also visited relatives in Pennsylvania. Dominic O'Gara made the long journey to Florida. Walter Fierley enjoyed the cool air of the ocean and boat sailing up and down the Rhode Island coast. Dick Schuyler, among many things, took a trip to see the Cathedral of the Pines. Ira Naroian went to the Cape. Harold Flinton spent two weeks at his camp in Manchaug. Bob Cochrane has built a nice camp on Hog Island. He says that the island is loaded with quahogs. Good news for Lindsay Harding—Frank Machacz spent most of his time at Narragansett Pier.

Now for the other news items. Archie Gigarjian bought a brand new Chevrolet. . . . Dick Baker's son was home for the first time in three years on furlough from the Service. He expects his discharge in September. . . . Art Bruneau is quite a botanist. He grows peonies and tells everybody that they are 18" wide across the top. It seems to me that this tale is bigger than a fisherman's story.

William Vandersloot wants it known to everybody that he and the Red Sox are still in there fighting. This comment was made because so many people said he would jump off the bandwagon.

Jacqueline Mandeville, daughter of George Mandeville of Department 412, appeared in a community talent show on June 19

Steven Lorry Kazatian, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kazatian, is the grandson of Stella Domarjian of the Ring Job

Gary John Campo is the five-month old son of Anthony Campo, Jr. of Department 450, and Mrs. Campo

Russell and David are the sons of John Baker of the Research Division

Helen Girouard, daughter of Al Girouard of Department 438, made her first Holy Communion at Assumption Church, Millbury, on June 5

Mary, age 5, and Barbara, age 6, are the children of Norman Stanley, Department 424, and Mrs. Stanley

COMBER JOB

by Terry Merolli

Here we are again, tanned and rested after an ideal two weeks, and I guess we all wish it lasted longer!

Mr. and Mrs. Hector Chase spent their two weeks in Canada visiting Montreal and other spots. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Valente vacationed at Dennis, Cape Cod. Mr. and Mrs. Kooistra spent an enjoyable vacation in Chicago with their daughter and son-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley visited Maine. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Zylstra traveled to Grand Rapids, Michigan and on to Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hopkins spent a week in New Hampshire. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chaffee vacationed in Maine. The rest of us took day trips here and there and, needless to say, a good time was had by all. Your reporter spent nearly every day the first week up at near-by Wallum Lake, Douglas. It is just about the nicest spot we know of for picnicking and swimming. Our daughter would love it if we could spend the whole summer there and so would we.

I must report that those driving lessons really paid off. That's right—I got my license, thanks to my husband's patience!! . . . Birthday greetings for July and August go to "Butch" Surowiec, Hugh Mateer, Fred Chaffee, Pete Young, Bill Ryan and John Hoyle. Happy anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Surowiec and to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley. . . . Recently Archie Fournier's wife greeted him one noontime in front of the shop. Her car had a flat tire, so before Archie could go home for lunch, he had to change the tire. A good way to work up an appetite, wouldn't you say? . . . John Cunningham, Fran Coffey, John Sitnik, Bob Brown and Bob Roy were all transferred from 445 to 448. Good luck boys, hope you'll soon be back at 445 again. . . . I must report that Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kelley spent an enjoyable two weeks up at Mallets Bay on the beautiful shores of Lake Champlain.

FOUNDRY PRODUCTION CONTROL OFFICE

by Earl Briggs

Personality: Mrs. Grace Heath is our Foundry Production Control Office personality of the month. She was born in Whitinsville on July 26, 1895, and was the wife of the late Carlos Heath, who was employed at Whitin Machine Works for over ten years. Before coming to Whitin Machine Works, Grace was employed as a saleslady at Ware Pratt Company, Worcester, for over twenty-four years. She started working at Whitin Machine Works as a filing clerk in the Repair Department, and was transferred to the Core Room Office in April 1954, as a clerk for Gerrit Ebbeling. Her hobbies include both flower and vegetable gardening, and sending letters and greeting cards to many friends and shut-ins. She also takes a great amount of interest

Two-year old Kathleen and three-year old Maureen are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ferry. Bob is employed in the Brass Foundry

Six-month old Janet Lea is the daughter of A1/C and Mrs. Arthur "Bobo" Jones. Arthur, a former Whitin employee, is stationed at Amarillo, Texas

Mary Jean Joanis, shown at the age of six months, is the daughter of Leo Joanis, Department 424, and Mrs. Joanis

Ruth Louise Wassenaar, daughter of Jacob Wassenaar of Department 439, greets the world with a smile. Ruth attends kindergarten at Plummers

Barbara Lee and Beverly Ann are the daughters of Ira Naraian, Assistant Foreman of the Balster Job, and Verkin Naraian

Guy Marse, age 5, and Richard Marse, age 2, are the grandsons of Arthur Berube of 426

and gives much of her time in caring for old folk. Grace's social activities include a great deal of church work. She is an active member of the Methodist Church, Whitinsville, where she is president of the Philathea Circle, and treasurer of the Women's Society of Christian Service.

Back to work, and we find our office has been completely repainted. It certainly helps to take out a little of the "sting" of coming back to work.

Vacations were enjoyed by all. On distant trips we had Mrs. Heath to Lima, Ohio and Mrs. Gainor to Washington, D. C. and Provincetown. Gerry Turner and his family enjoyed Niagara Falls, and the Lee Higgins liked the Lake George regions. Bradley Brown started with Utica, New York and went from there to the Mohawk Trail and Cape Cod. Ruth Gile visited Old Orchard Beach. Tony Mancini, Jerry Savage and Earl Briggs went to West Yarmouth on the Cape. John Julian traveled to Vermont while Arthur Broadhurst vacationed at his summer home at Lake Singletary in Sutton. Romeo Tellier and Shirley Benjamin enjoyed day trips to the mountains and beaches in Rhode Island. Most of the others, namely, Bill Taylor, Joe Mercak, Germaine Mayberry, Ralph Levesque, Russ Mowry, Russ Lupien and Howard Sears leisurely spent their time on short trips too numerous to mention.

METHODS DEPARTMENT

by Jean Cunningham

I trust that everyone had a pleasant vacation and that all of us are now waiting with anticipation for next July. Paul Wheeler says that the water at Hampton Beach is warm at times, but I can't find anyone who will back up his statement. . . . A group from the office enjoyed a hot dog roast at Purgatory Chasm. Frank Budnick explored the caves, and Paul Wheeler went with him to be sure Frank didn't get lost. While traveling through the caves, Paul, with Frank's help, rescued a small kitten which was hanging from one of the ledges by its two front paws. That kitten will never forget Paul or Frank. A ball game was held and some of the players are still a little stiff. Everyone enjoyed themselves however and went home happy.

We are glad to have Pat Martin back with us again after his illness. Pat was quite ill for a time. . . . We said goodbye to Ruth O'Day shortly before vacation. Ruth has gone to work in the Freight House office. She will be missed here. . . . Let's light the candles on the cake this month for Arthur Armstrong, John Walsh, Emil Zywien, Isabelle Hagopian, Helen Misakian, Irene Barnett and myself. May we all enjoy our own particular day with pleasant things to look forward to in the future. . . . We are quite proud to have George Shaw in the office. George was recently elected director to the Board of Directors of Education of Worcester Chap-

This rugged young man is Paul Joseph Brochu, five-month old son of Aimi Brochu, Department 420

This pert 14-month old miss is Deborah Alane, daughter of Alfred Gardener, Spindle Job

Carol, Nancy, and Kathy are the daughters of Duncan Ritchie, formerly of the Tool Job

Sandra, age 2½, and Paul, age 4½, are the children of Simone and Jack Gilchrist of 465

From distant Africa comes this picture of Terry, Doris, and Thelma, grandchildren of Arthur Haagsma of Department 424. Their parents are missionaries

Rannie Meotti shares a seat with his sister Nancy. They are the children of Huga Meotti, Research

ter National Association of Cost Accountants. . . . Has anyone noticed Al Capone around these days in his new Cadillac? . . . Did you ever win anything for just attending a show? Virginia Kenyon did. At the grand opening of the Netmore Kennels, Virginia won an aquarium. She didn't do a thing. She just went and won—think I'll try that sometime.

COST DEPARTMENT

by Dick Hanny and Pauline Hagan

We welcome some new faces that will be with us for the summer. Peggy Vincent, valedictorian of the Class of 1955, Uxbridge High School, plans to enter Boston University in the fall with the coveted award of two scholarships presented her because of her outstanding scholastic record. James West, well-known teacher who spends most of the year enlightening the young minds at grammar school, has returned to aid us in our problems for the summer.

We understand it got pretty hot in Millville for John Miracle a while back. In fact, the heat from the blaze in his barn actually melted his wife's convertible which was inside at the time of the fire. Many other valuables were also lost, but Johnny is still wearing his usual smile in spite of it all. . . . Congratulations go out to Norman Deragon for a recent suggestion award. . . . Gus Ayotte has joined the new car club with a '55 Plymouth, while Florence LeBeau is seen riding around in her new Studebaker.

All the happy smiling faces are back from vacationland: Telix Richard at his cottage at Briar Wood Beach, Wareham, Mass.; Simone and Phil Grenier at Niagara Falls and Ottawa; Larry Sarafian with his family at the Cape; Henry Lawton and family at Plum Island, Massachusetts; Joe Platukis and family at Bass River, Cape Cod; Ray Colby and family at Lake George, N. Y.; Howard Anderson and family at Bucksport, Blue Hills, Maine; Cleve and Pauline Reynolds dividing their time between Bonnet View, Saunderstown, R. I. and West Dennis on the Cape; Florence and Armand LeBeau at Quebec, Canada; Eve Lundberg and her son at Mount Vernon, N. Y.; Jim and Jocelyn Shaw at Falmouth Heights, Cape Cod; Pauline and Leo Hagan at Bar Harbor, Maine; Dick and Peg Hanny divided their vacation time between York Beach, Maine and Cape Cod; Marshall Clark and his family at Buttonwoods Beach, R. I.; Roland Farrar and family at Sebago Lake, Maine; Henry Bailey and his family at Cotuit, Cape Cod. Phil Johnson spent part of his vacation gathering and storing hay for his fine herd of white face Herefords.

Wedding Anniversaries: Mary and Hubert Swetnam, their 8th; Joe and Olga Platukis, their 7th; Phil and Hildegard Johnson, their 4th; and Larry and Gloria Sarafian, their 4th. . . . Birthdays: Val Allega, Telix Richard, Charles Garabedian, Raymond Colby, Howard Anderson, and Dick Hanny.

They're twin brothers—Donald Brothers and Ronald Brothers—who live with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Brothers, Whitinsville

Donald G. Ray is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Roy. Emil is head packer of the Linwood Division

Two-month-old Marc Thibault is the son of Rene Thibault of Methods

MAIN OFFICE

by Gloria Frabotta and Marlene Willard

This month we are happy to welcome Jack Cunningham, who has stepped in to fill the shoes of Howie Hawkins and Bud Willard, and we also extend a cordial hello to George Couillard who was transferred from Master List Department and is now working in the Foreign Department. . . . Congratulations to Tom Crawford who received his 30-year pin from Mr. J. Hugh Bolton and Mr. G. G. Spence.

A very enjoyable evening was spent at May (Hutcheson) Stuart's a month before last by a group of her friends. There was plenty of goodies for everyone, but Oh! that strawberry parfait pie surely hit the spot. . . . During that same month Gloria Marshall paid us a visit with her very lovely baby, Linda. . . . Gwennie Searles was visited by her twin sister from Chicago for a week.

In June Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rollins with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Barlow spent an enjoyable and memorable week end seeing the sights of New York City. . . . During this month, Roy Rollins and his wife flew to California to witness the graduation of their daughter Marilyn from Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital. After this they traveled through Arizona, Washington, Yosemite National Park, and Salt Lake City, Utah. . . . We were happy to see Tom Driscoll back to work after his absence of a couple of weeks in June. . . . Your reporters would like to extend a "sizzling" August greeting for the birthdays of Betty Graham and Ginny Burke, and also for the anniversaries of Agnes DeYoung and Gordon Spence.

PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

by Marge Newton and Tad Wallace

On July 1, John Steele, Sr., terminated his employment here at Whitin to take up residence in California. He was a veteran employee, having served nearly 37 years in the plant, and was well-known and well-liked by people in the shop and in the community. In his younger days he was a better than average ball player in the old "Shop League" and in semi-pro circles as well. His long years of service were spent on Department 427, the Subcontract Division and, of course, the Production Department. One of Johnnie's best known projects was the housing development he pioneered in North Uxbridge. He, as many will recall, purchased a lot of land in that town—enough land to build nearly 75 homes—and at the time of his departure he had seen about 35 dwellings go up. John was the guest with Mrs. Steele at a dinner party at the Colonial Club given by the Subcontract Division, was taken out to dinner by his "luncheon" buddies, and was presented with a gift from his fellow workers in the office.

Fay Goggins, seated in foreground, admires her daughter Jackie and Cathy Reeves while in the rear John Maziarka observes Pauline Reynolds and his wife Evelyn in friendly pose

Dorsey Devlin, "Spindle" reporter and lifeguard at Wallum Lake, keeps an attentive eye on the scenery. Blonde, brunette, or redhead?

Julie McMullin returned to work on June 24th after being out for several weeks due to illness. . . . Brenda Cook and Margaret Racicot are at this writing sidelined by illness. We hope that by press time they are back at work again. . . . S. Butler Smith, central planner, has recently returned to work after a tour of duty with the United States Air Force. "Smitty" holds the rank of Captain in the Air Force Reserves and has a total of 12 years to his credit. . . . A hearty welcome to Shirley Stanick of East Douglas. Shirley, a June graduate of Douglas Memorial High School, is working for Hugh Currie. . . . We are also pleased to roll out the welcome mat for Nancylee Bogardus of Cincinnati, Ohio. Nancylee, a summer employee, is living at the Lasell House on Hill Street, and in the fall will take up her studies again at Ohio Wesleyan. By the way, she says that she likes New England very much. . . . Helen Miller reports that she has two new granddaughters, Cheryl Ann Diani of Plainville, Conn., and Vicki Lee McLean of Hopedale, Mass.

We are a little disappointed that we do not have any vacation pictures at the moment, but here is where some of your friends vacationed: Eddie Rice and family, White Mountains; Marge and Harry Newton up in Maine; Jack and Simone Gilchrist in Detroit, Michigan; Janet Lawrence and Yvette Lapointe, Old Orchard Beach; Bill Walsh and family, New York City, Virginia, and Washington, D.C.; Lester and Mrs. Dermody in Maine; Dick Walker and family, West Virginia; Blanche Fullerton and family in Rockland, Maine; Leo Beauregard in Canada; Betty Bonaventura, New Jersey; Lucy and Charlie Kheboian, Hampton Beach; Henriette Hoogendyke, White Mountains; Red Adams and family at York Beach; Mickey Brennan, New Jersey; Hector Chausse and family, the Blue Ridge Mts. of Virginia and Cape Cod attracted Margaret Naroian, Don Nelson and family, and Allan and Mrs. McCrea. This is only a partial list, and we will publish more later. Also, don't forget to bring in your vacation pictures.

We hope to give you the complete story on the golf league in the next issue. The season will be nearly finished by that time, and the annual dinner and awarding of prizes should be in the planning stage at press time.

PAYROLL COMPUTATION, MACHINE ACCOUNTING, BUDGETS, STATEMENTS AND TIMEKEEPING

by Bob English

It is not difficult to tell, by the copper tans, the vacationists from those who have yet to take their two weeks. The Budgets Department is intact with Phyllis McQuilkin back from Chatham; Harold Tallman from Indiana; Herb Barnes from the Adirondacks and Vermont; while both Ted Froh and Jim Burke took day trips.

From Payroll: Pauline Reynolds was at Scarborough; Cathy Reeves at Falmouth; and Fay Goggins at West Dennis. . . . We bade farewell to Connie Deslauriers of Payroll, who left W.M.W. July 29. She plans to work at Hans Theiler's plant. Best regards and good luck to a real pleasant girl. . . . Audrey Todd sustained a sprained ankle, the result of a bad fall, and has been confined to her home since June 29. We received a cheerful note from Audrey, acknowledging receipt of fruit and flowers from well wishers. . . . Congratulations to the James L. Burkes who celebrated their ninth wedding anniversary. Birthday greetings for July to Howard Cook and Frank Widor.

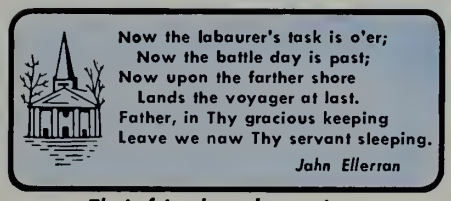
Department 462 had a cook-out, and the steak held by Frank Widor drew admiring glances from Nancy Todd, Jean Buczuski, Irene Morteka and Helen Duggon

vt. Harlon Goodwin, whose fother works on the ool Job and whose mother works in Master List, has completed basic training at Fort Dix

We welcome to the Timekeeping division wo N.H.S. grads—Bob Mellor and Aram isoian. Bob is a summer replacement, s he plans to further his studies in the all. He is at Department 406, filling in r Ed Sokolski, who is on a trip to Cali-rnia. Aram is located at Department 421. . . . The four-ball team of Jack Cunning-am, Dick Cunningham, Dick Frieswyck d Bill Taylor won the first half at the Vhitinsville Golf Club. These matches are ased on handicaps, and have these boys t handicaps!! . . . The Whitin Male lee Club dined and rehearsed at the olonial Club in Webster prior to the two-eek vacation period. Plans are already nder way for the Fall concert, November 7, onsored by the Whitinsville Woman's lub. On December 9, the Glee Club will pear at the Hotel Narragansett, Provi-ence, in connection with the meeting of e Southern New England Textile Associa-on. . . . Congratulations to the Cham-r of Commerce and Kiwanians for beau-fying the town park—first, with tulips, d later with beds of begonias, fuchsia, d ageratums.

Let's rejoice at one small indication that e nickel, the fifth part of a quarter, may about to stage a comeback. The good ws from Northampton is that the nickel ill now buy a "cuppa" coffee in two staurants in that New England metrop-s. I admit that this is but a feeble per in the financial winds, but it could the turning point that heralds the re-tablishment of the nickel as money. The t that a nickel is still coin of the realm, d would once buy a loaf of bread, a art of milk, a street-car ride, a telephone ll—not just a cup of coffee. Unhonored d unsung, the nickel has been allowed go down the drain of inflation. It is gh time to resurrect it if only for its tique value and its sentimental associa-ns. Now for the revival of the nickel, the ly good news of the day.

Personality for the Month: Evelyn Maziarka of Payroll Computation has been in the employ of W.M.W. for three years. Evelyn makes her home on Depot Street, East Douglas with her husband, John. She was born in Milford (nee Merrilees) of Scottish parents who came from Aberdeen. Evelyn is a graduate of Milford High School, Class of '29. Prior to working in her present capacity, she was employed at Hayward Woolen in the Designing Department. Evelyn's present duties in Payroll is computing group bonuses, which is pretty intricate work. We find her to be efficient and conscientious. Evelyn is quiet, or I mean to say, a good listener. She has excellent taste in her dress and gets a great deal of enjoyment out of the simple things in life. She enjoys fly fishing and casting, and also dancing. Her husband's hobby, which is flowers, has become a part-time venture with the Maziarkas. They sell both wholesale and retail and have built up an interesting side line. Evelyn is an authority on plant life and is well posted in this line of work. When to apply a three-purpose spray to roses to prevent aphids, chewing insects and diseases, in addition to many other pertinent questions can be answered by Evelyn.



Their friends and associates extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved

Belval family on the death of their mother.

Fred Tredeau on the death of his brother.

Louis Lynch on the death of his brother, William Lynch, at the age of 49.

Family and friends of Yprem Egsegian, 70, of 170 Church Street, who died at St. Vincent Hospital on June 15. A native of Turkey, he had been employed at the Foundry for 37 years.

Survivors and friends of Ernest J. Leland, 84, who died at his home in Central Square, Upton, on June 15. Prior to his retirement, he was a machinist at the Whitin Machine Works for more than 40 years.

Relatives and friends of John T. Wild, 85, of 9 Willow Street, who died at St. Vincent Hospital on June 25. A native of Lancashire, England, he was for 55 years prior to his retirement a textile designer and engineer at the Whitin Machine Works.

Family and friends of William Crossland, 60, who died at his home on Fletcher Street on June 27. A World War I veteran and a civic leader, he was employed at the Whitin Machine Works for 35 years.

Friends and relatives of Frank B. Cassidy, 69, of 20 Pleasant Street who died July 1. A former merchant and election official, he was a cost accountant at the Whitin Machine Works.

Family and friends of Anthony Marteka, 52, of 15 North Main Street, who died at the Memorial Hospital on July 11. A native of Poland, he was a machinist at the Whitin Machine Works.

Friends and relatives of Domina Cadorette, 55, of Department 416 who died suddenly at his home on July 10.

Family and friends of Alpheric Boileau, 71, of 74 Oak Street, Linwood, who died in St. Vincent Hospital on July 9. A native of Canada, he was employed in Department 416 prior to his retirement.

Survivors and friends of John Vanderzee, Foreman of the Wood Pattern Shop, who died on July 20. He was born on July 10, 1884, in Holland and had been with the Whitin Machine Works since July 5, 1905. He is survived by his wife, Theresa, a son James of the Tool Job, and a daughter Gertrude of Chicago.

Harry Mitchell on the death of his mother in California.

Warren Campbell on the death of his father on June 21, 1955.

Family and friends of Joseph Hern, who worked in Department 412, and died in Milford Hospital on July 11.

A daughter, Laurie Joanne, to Leon Duda, Department 440, and Mrs. Duda (Audrey Coombs) on June 29 at Whitinsville Hospital.

To Kenneth Guertin, Tool Job, and Mrs. Guertin, a daughter, born July 7 in Whitinsville Hospital.

To Norman Magowan, Tool Job, and Mrs. Magowan, a son, Roger Francis, born July 6 at Whitinsville Hospital.

To Roland Benoit, Tool Job, and Mrs. Benoit, a daughter, born July 9 weighing 7 lbs. 1 oz., in Milford Hospital.

To Richard Blake and Elaine Blake, formerly of the Main Office, a daughter.

To Nicholas Colonero, Department 416, and Mrs. Colonero, a daughter, Linda Ann, weight 7 lbs. 15 oz., on June 30 at Whitinsville Hospital.

To Furn White, Department 416, and Mrs. White, a son, Robert Hynes, at Whitinsville Hospital on May 4.

OUR PEOPLE

By GRAHAM HUNTER

THAT GOOD OLD AMERICAN CUSTOM — THE FAMILY PICNIC!

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Familiar Faces

Around the Plant

Israel Ovoian, Roll Straightener in Department 436, lives at 49 D Street, Whitinsville. At one time he spent his leisure gardening but today he enjoys following baseball

Herbert W. Bagnall, Male Nurse in the Sho Hospital, was born in London, England 1897. Herb and Mrs. Bagnall live on Ea Street, Whitinsville and have 2 daughter

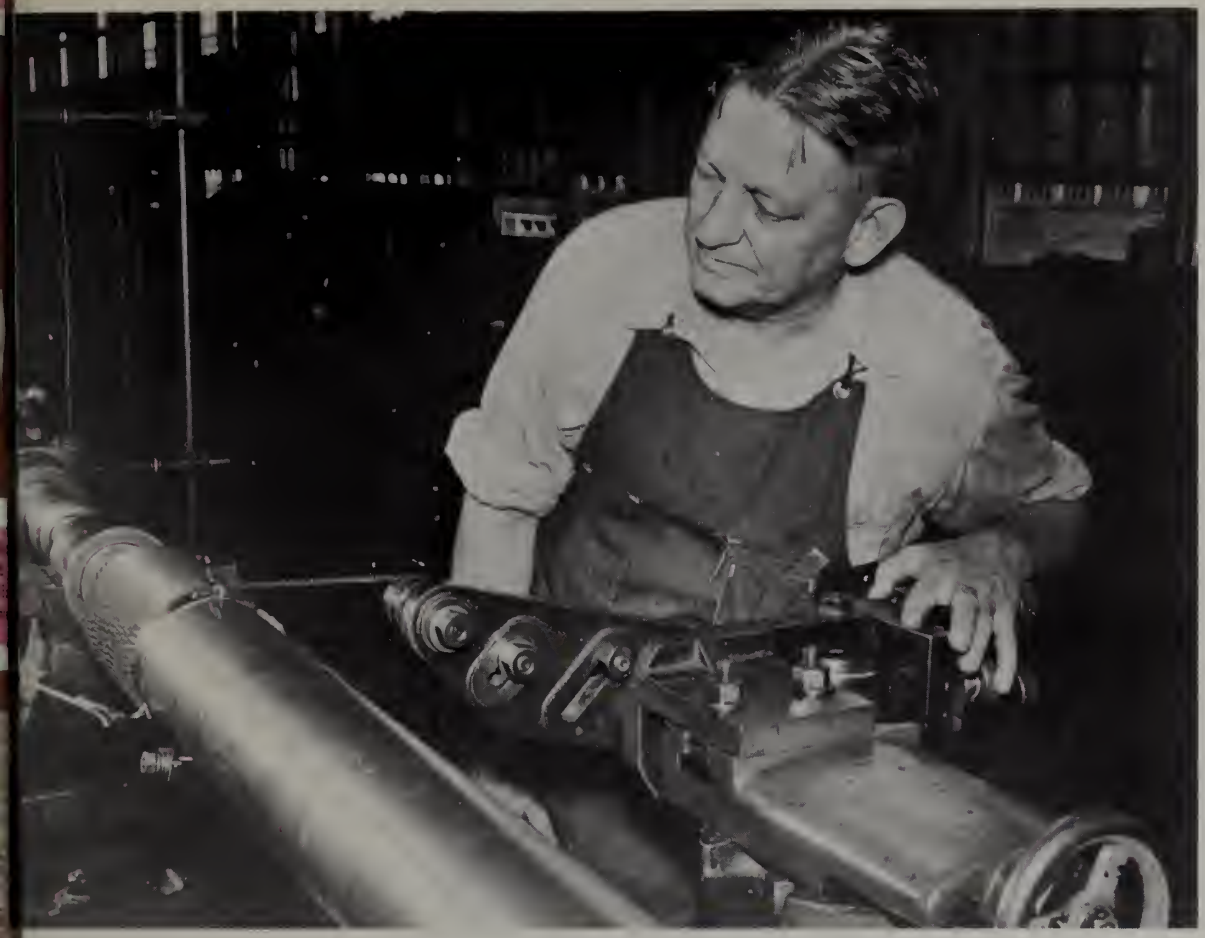
Frances M. Mullane, Manager of the Whitin Cafeteria, lists as her favorite hobbies— travelling and growing African Violets. Frances lives on Forest Street, Whitinsville

Christine Bosma is the relief operator of t public address system, reception desk, an telephone switchboard. For recreation sh enjoys watching all sports

Welcome C. Marshall, Setup man on the Bolster Job, lives in Plummer Park, Whitinsville. He has 3 daughters, a son, and 3 grandchildren. His habby is gardening

Fred Brown, Setup man in Department 437, was barn in Owl's Head, Maine. He lives with his wife Flarence at 165 East Street, Whitinsville where he enjays growing flowers

Geragos Egsegian, Weight Shifter Squeezer Unit in the Faundry, was born Armenia in 1895 and caine to Whitinsv in 1919. He lives in the town of Whitinsv



sing o special lathe, Henry Pontbriant winds lickerin wire on a Card roll. The lothe is one of two used for this type of work. The wire is formed ond hardened on the Job

SMALL PARTS FOR OPENING MACHINERY

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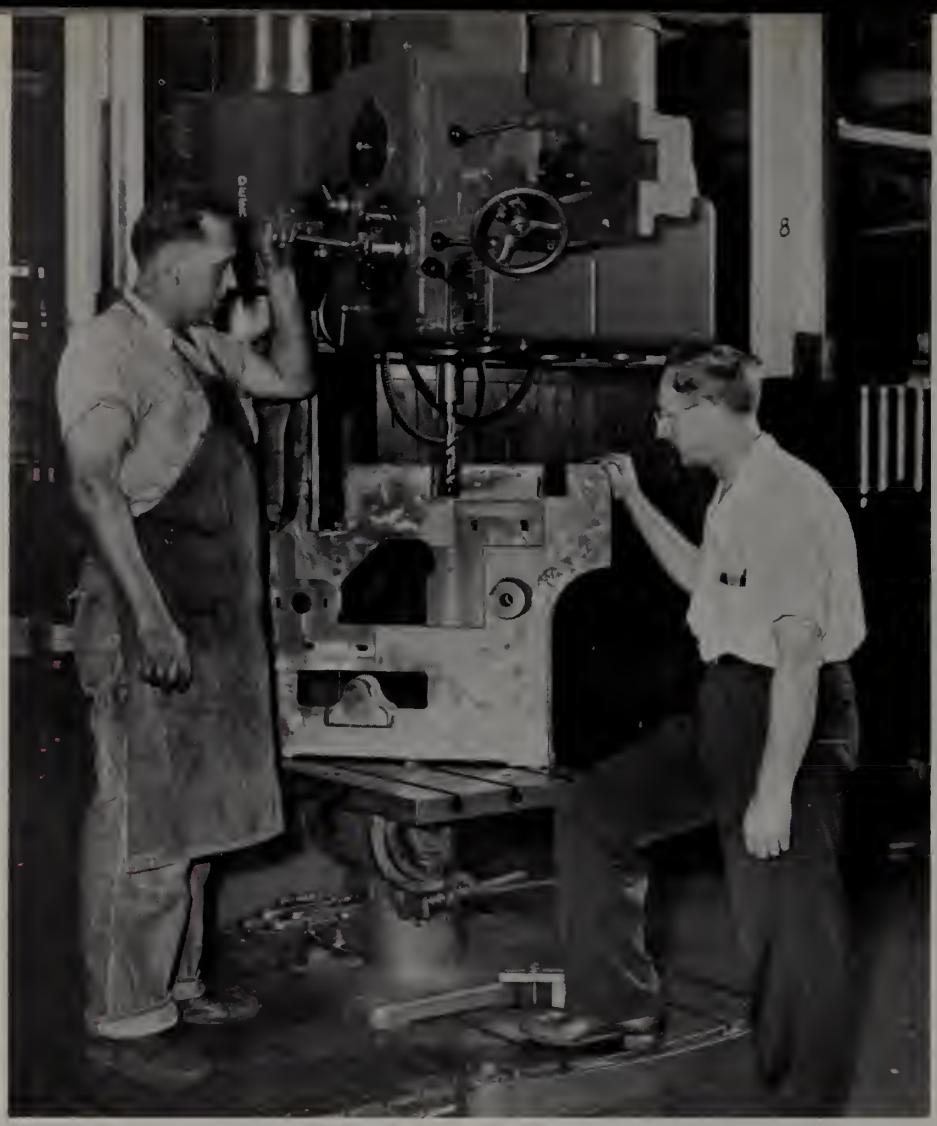
It requires about six hours to make one cut across the 84'' length of this cast iron breast rall. The 25'' diameter roll weighs over half a ton. John Brezniak is the operotar



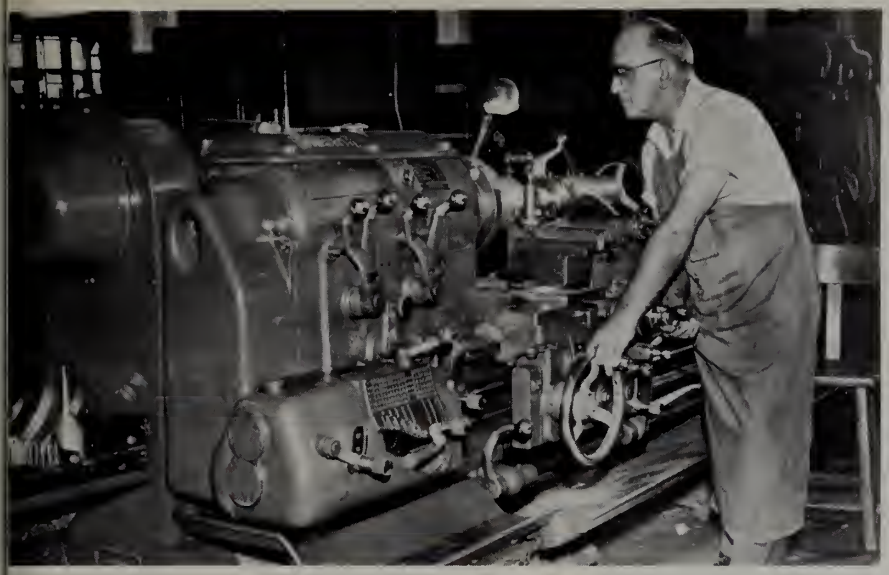
Left: Operating a large radial drill, David Desjardin, left, drills a Picker calender side. Pickers, the first machine built by Whitin, were the foundation of the Whitin Machine Works. On the right is Foreman Bill Hartley

Below: Much of the work requires skilled hands and a keen eye. For example, the tape grooves on the tape condenser roll being filed by Arthur Chabot must be brought to a mirror-like finish

Small Parts (*continued*)

Departments, like men, possess personality, and no two of Whitin's many "Jobs" are identical. Department 421, Card Rolls and Picker·Small Work, is no exception, for this is the only department where the bulk of work consists of small parts for Opening machinery such as Bale Breakers, Pickers, Spirawhirls, Feeders, and Wool Cards.

While about 8000 different parts are made in this department, the smallest weighing only a fraction of an ounce, the major portion of the work consists of shaping, turning, squaring-up, and balancing cast iron, steel and aluminum rolls. Dominating the entire Job are the forty-four lathes used for this purpose. In addition, these cast iron and aluminum rolls are also assembled in the department while the steel rolls, perhaps 10 per cent of the total, are prefabricated in Department 432. The largest cast iron rolls weigh about

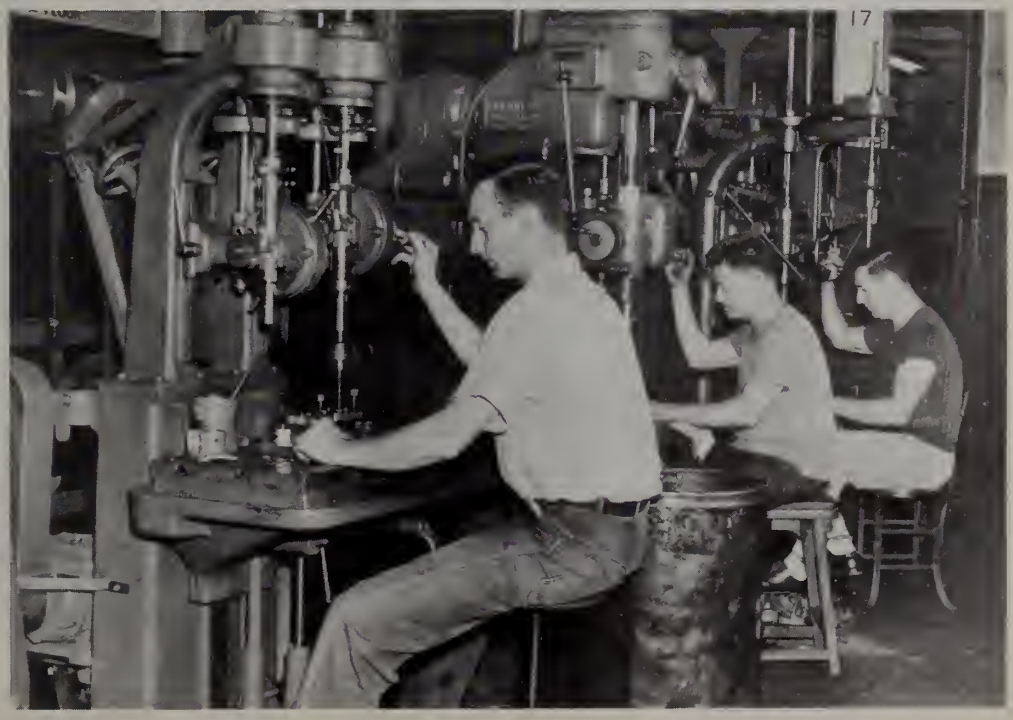


Left: Department 421 turns out large quantities of parts, making all the motor sheaves for all Whitin machines. Azarie Gervais grooves one of the sheaves

1600 pounds and the largest aluminum ones nearly half a ton.

The men of this department have additional duties for which only they are responsible, such as, finish machining sheave pulleys for all the textile machines; hardening nippers for flyers; drilling grid bars for all the new Axi-Feed and Axi-Flo machines; and making special springs for bobbin loaders. Special machines are used for making sharp-toothed wire for rolls on Cards, and other machines wind emery cloth and wire on rolls. In addition they operate 14 upright drills and a large radial. They have a hydraulic milling machine

Right center: A series of machines forms, punches, and hardens lickerin wire. Operated by George Leland, this machine punches and hardens an average of 120 feet of wire an hour



Lower right: Picker small parts require a great deal of drilling. From the left: Sterling Duffy, William O'Brien, and Turenne Leopold

In the sub-ossembly section Roger Brissette, left, ossembles o lap rack for a Picker while Benjomin Varney, right, ossembles a grid bor for on Axi-feed

department also does a great deal of filing and some sub assembly work. Tolerances are close, in some case being only .0003″ or .0002″.

This closely-knit well-trained group of 27 employee is headed by Foreman William "Bill" Hartley, who wa born in Fall River on February 22, 1902 and has bee employed by Whitin since October 13, 1928. He, hi wife Mary, and daughter Arlene Lois live at 113 Lin wood Avenue, Whitinsville. Bill is almost as busy a home as he is at work, for he enjoys the recreations o carpentry, gardening, boating, and watching TV.

Other senior employees on the Job include: Arthu Chabot, 39 years; Vassel Baker, 35 years; Henry Pont briant, 29 years; and George Leland, 22 years.

Small Parts (*continued*)

with which they flute calender rolls, while another milling machine does other work. Also, a giant hydraulic press is used for squeezing cast iron heads into aluminum cylinders. A pressure of twenty tons is used on breast rolls that may have diameters as great as twenty-five inches and lengths up to one hundred ten inches. This

Inspection is handled by this group of three inspectors. Group Leader Sidney Miedemo wotches Mory Kostko, left, inspect the clutch gear of o Card feed while on the right, Grace Griffin inspects shear blades for the new winder

The men work with several metols. On the left Vossel Baker turns on oluminum roll heod; on the right John Sulyma turns a steel lump roll for o Cord

A well-organized tool crib is essential to a well-run job. Charles Johnsor returns a jig to its proper locotion in the tool crib

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WHO'S A CAPITALIST?

There are millions of them in America, for a capitalist is . . . every man and woman who has a savings account, a life insurance policy, or a share of stock. . . .

. . . the families that are seeking to set aside something for their old age, the people who are looking beyond the mere desire for a shorter work week to the hope of providing a shorter working life for themselves, a better future for their children. . . .

. . . the millions of people, in a word, who deny themselves the luxuries of today in order to provide the necessities of tomorrow.

FRONT COVER: Marooned tenants being rescued from the roof of the Lavallee Building, Main Street, Rockdale. U. S. Coast Guard Helicopter carries one flood victim to safety in basket-type lift while two others on the roof await their turn. (*Photo by Harvey Royer.*)

Whitin Personality

EARL S. WOOD, Engineer and Spindle Specialist, is a quiet fellow with a personality which has won for him the affection and respect of his many close friends.

Modesty is another of Earl's characteristics. He is somewhat reluctant to discuss the importance of his work, but a little research indicates that he plays a prominent roll in the manufacture of Spindles, often referred to as the heart of the Spinning Frames and Twisters.

Earl began work in the Engineering Department as a tracer on August 5, 1925, progressed to drafting and today is recognized as an authority on Spindles. In thirty years he has drawn perhaps ninety per cent of the 5500 drawings of Spindles manufactured by Whitin.

Earl was born in a Shop-owned house at 7 Maple Street, Whitinsville, on March 7, 1907. From then to date, he has always lived in that house and has always had the same next door neighbor. Before beginning work, he attended local schools, Worcester Boys' Trade School, and took an I.C.S. course in mechanical engineering. As a schoolboy he was known as a better than average pitcher for Trade School as well as several teams in the Blackstone Valley.

In later years he has maintained his interest in sports, following the fortunes of local baseball, football, and basketball teams. Those who know Earl know of his interest in the Major Leagues and particularly his favorite team the Cleveland Indians.

In 1931 he was married to Irene Smith of Uxbridge. They have a daughter and a three-year old grandson. Mr. and Mrs. Wood enjoy motoring and each year they make a trip to Detroit to visit Earl's two sisters. A brother Robert is Assistant Employment Manager in the Personnel Department.

Bowling and gardening fill Earl's leisure hours. For many years he was a member of the Jolly Rovers and head usher of the Village Congregational Church. He is a member of the Granite Lodge, A.F. & A.M.

In additions to exhibitions of machinery, the show featured displays of fashions and fabrics. Above is the national exhibit of France in the Fabrics Building

machinery and accessories and the other half displays of fabrics, fashions and textile products. Many of the machinery manufacturers are in direct competition with Whitin in foreign markets.

This sixteen-day exhibition, one of the most successful ever staged in the history of the textile industry, was held in the permanent exhibition buildings, grouped around the Palais du Centennaire in Brussels. Three

Competition Brisk at Brussels Exhibition

Left: Same of the Whitin personnel at the Brussels Exhibition from the left: Advertising Manager George McRoberts, Service Man Hank Stuart, Chris Wolsh and Dr. Szoloki of the Reseorch Division, Karl Trimborn, Whitin Erector from Germony, ond Clem Stanislaus, Comber Erector

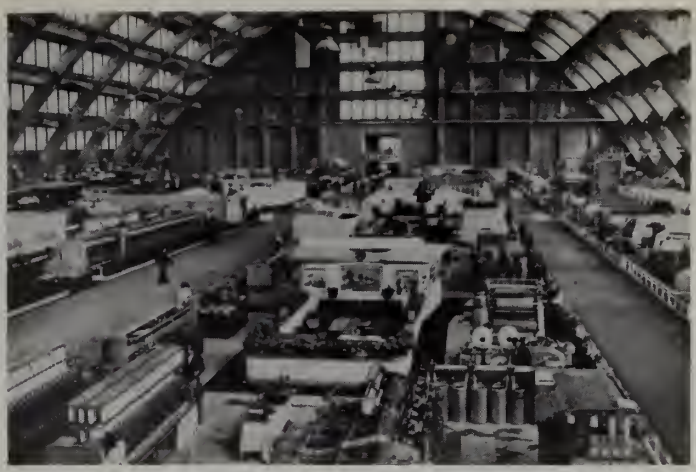
WHITIN officials returned from the Second International Textile Exhibition, held in Brussels, Belgium, from June 25 to July 10, impressed by the size of the show and by the fine craftsmanship and modern design of the machines exhibited by foreign manufacturers from twelve countries. An estimated 300,000 to 400,000 visitors viewed displays of over four hundred exhibitors, half of which were displays by manufacturers of textile times as much machinery as was shown at the Atlantic City show of 1954 was on display in 360,000 square feet of booth space. The entire floor spaee of the exhibition buildings is reported as being close to the million square foot mark.

Whitin set up two separate booths, displaying in one the Model J Comber and in the other the three American System machines: The Roto-Drafter, the Quik-Set Roving Frame, and the Superflex Spinning Frame. Installed on specially-poured concrete bases, all Whitin Machines functioned well in spite of the dust from the dirt floors and alleyways.

We had a constant stream of visitors in both of our

In one of Whitin's two display areas the famed Model "J" Comber, still unchallenged as the world's best comber, functioned perfectly

A mile-long poplor-lined boulevord offers o breath-taking vista of the Palais de Centennoire, central hall of the exhibition



This picture of the moin machinery exhibit hall shows the unique construction of the building. Machinery wos also exhibited in three other big holls

His Mojesty, Baudouin I, King of the Belgians, was photographed as he passed the Whitin booth

booths throughout the Show and great interest was shown in our "J" Comber as well as the American System units.

Cottonniere Nouvelle Orleans, a large and modern plant in Gand, Belgium, recently purchased a complete line of the latest model Whitin Blending Feeders equipped with Axi-Feed Units and an Axi-Flo. Through the wholehearted cooperation of this customer it was possible for us to send 125 delegations of visiting mill officials to observe this equipment under actual operating conditions. Even though the factory was located 30 miles from Brussels these delegations were eager to make the trip, clearly indicating the great interest our new machines aroused in European textile circles.

However, the exhibition made one fact very clear. It is that Whitin faces the stiffest kind of competition from machinery builders in Europe for European and other foreign markets. The exhibits from England, France, Germany, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, Japan, Denmark, Norway, and Sweden showed, in many cases, good design and a high degree of workmanship. The Whitin machines functioned as well or better than those of our competitors, but foreign manufacturers have an advantage in that they can sell at a lower price because of lower wages and other manufacturing costs. The only way that Whitin can meet such competition is to offer a superior product, both in design and workmanship, and at a reasonable cost.

While Whitin is still very much in the race, certain European manufacturers have made an outstanding recovery since the war, particularly in West Germany and Italy. It is indeed a fast-changing textile world.

In a larger area across the aisle, Whitin showed the American System. Note the heavy carpets which covered the earthern floors

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And the Rains Came .....

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These dramatic flood scenes of Whitinsville and adjacent towns show some of the tremendous destruction caused by the heavy rains from Hurricane Diane on August 18 and 19. The total rainfall amounted to 13.69 inches. (*Photographs by Harvey Royer.*)

1 Boiling Mumford River, not yet at its peak, flooded several departments of the Whitin Machine Works and threatened many others

2 Whitin Machine Works dam across the Mumford River is checked at the height of the storm

3 Lackey Dam, Whitinsville, soon after the rains stopped

4 The Arcade Pond, in Whitinsville, overflows its banks

5 Plummer Street, Whitinsville. At the bridge near the Quaker Cemetery an automobile was abandoned when it fell through the undermined road

6 Blackstone River flowing over Mendon Street, Uxbridge. This was near the Stanley Woolen Company on Route 16

7 This is how Sutton Road looked in Rockdale after the Blackstone River tore through it

8 More road destruction by the Blackstone River. In the background is the Waskanut Mill, Farnumsville

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FOR *All* THE PEOPLE

Mr. Guy Brown, chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers has been hailed as a "Labor Statesman" for his recent statement explaining why his union declined to join the A.F. of L. and C.I.O. merger.

His concern for the welfare of *all* the people, for our whole *nation*, is reflected in the following quotation from his remarks:

"What is labor's most important business today? . . . The answer to labor's most pressing need, its greatest threat, its most pervasive psychological frustration—and the only way for our very survival—lies far afield from the philosophy of 'more and more' at least in any material sense. In my opinion the labor movement is so big that today its greatest temptation is its greatest weakness. The threat and the temptation lie in the field of political activity stemming from a fundamental misconception of the American political tradition. . . .

"Mr. George Meany, president-designate of the new union, recently said . . . 'our sole principle will be to seek the selection of those who believe as we do in an economic system based on prosperity at the lower rungs of the ladder and to oppose those who hold otherwise. . . .'

"We are living in an atomic age. Survival is the nation's business. It is labor's business and survival is now being defended on the skilled manpower front. Yet labor—the bulk of it—is talking about predetermining foreign policy, the handling of skilled labor and all other facts purely by just one criterion—whether or not a candidate's internal economic views coincide with ours. Not only is this silly and unrealistic—that is, it won't 'sell' to the American people—but it is self-defeating. It breeds in those who take this position a hard narrow core of prejudice and opinion which makes its apostles hard to get along with in the American political system of compromises and balances. They don't want to compromise. . . .

"Those who favor this merger because it will add to power and strength of unions are kidding themselves. For governmental restrictions will follow such a gigantic organization as surely as I am standing before you tonight. If there is one thing this country will not tolerate it is dictation to it by any power which seriously threatens the sovereignty of the nation itself. Again I am not questioning the motives of the merger planners. I am saying let them know that the greater the power the smaller the area of unrestricted activity . . . ours is an individualistic culture. Its character in this respect will be preserved.

"We can attend to the need for 'more and more' among our members as we expect managements to protect their eternal betterment. But above and beyond this we all as Americans owe an individualistic allegiance to our form of national law which provides for dissent, for friendly willingness to 'agree to disagree.' If labor cannot work within this semi-autonomous framework, then it will begin by lining up numerical majorities. And it will find its majority suddenly overwhelmed because everybody else will be lined up against it. Out of this sort of secession there won't even be a good civil war. There will just be restriction."

KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

by Bill Scanlon

George Bourassa took a trip to Canada and Detroit to meet his brother whom he hadn't seen for some time. On his return he stopped off at Niagara Falls. On this second trip George had more time to admire the beauty of the Falls. . . . Joe Prendergast spent his vacation at Hyannis. . . . Up till now, Louis Yacino is on the sick list, but the boys expect him back most any time. . . . Harold Sizer has returned after an absence of over a year. He has been working in the Shop. . . . Charlie Commons spent his two weeks at Camp Drum working for Uncle Sam. Harold Buxton was the pinch-hitter while he was away. By the way, Harold has purchased a Buick. He has owned over a hundred cars through the years. . . . Cliff Maynard is back in the harness again after about six months' layoff. He works on the estates as a gardener.

SPINDLE JOB

by Albert J. Cencak

First, an apology on last month's news. We had a little mixup in signals and missed the deadline—sorry.

This old reporter is leaving for greener pastures. I have been accepted for apprentice training. Your new reporters will be Jim Robbins and John Visbeck. Give them all the help you can and you will have an interesting news section. . . . Wilfred Hippert's dog is expecting pups. Willy wants five boys and a girl. . . . Al Perry and Joe Peltier went fishing together. Joe caught a large turtle and had him up to the edge of the boat. Al said, "Pull him in quick! He'll make good soup." Joe said, "Oh no, that thing is not getting in the same boat that I'm in." At that point, the turtle went home. . . . Peg Devlin's 1955 Ford has a new look—a badly-dented right front fender. . . . The heat went up to 118° outside the office window on August 2.

Stanley "blueberries" Rutana has the know-how on the berries. He knows just where, how and when to pick them. . . . Peg Devlin fell down the stairs at home and cracked a few ribs. . . . I bought a Hershey bar during the heat wave. The almonds looked like rocks in a mud puddle! . . . No, neighbors, that big silver hut across the aisle from our department is not a new "Tasty-Freeze." It is just a new hardening unit. . . . The Donat Jacques' celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary July 27. . . . The Sikke Visbecks celebrated their wedding anniversary on August 5. . . . Freddie Gardner played ball as a visitor at Norfolk State Prison. Freddie is a little out of condition, so when he got a three-base hit he raced around two bases, then fell flat on his face and had to crawl to the third one. . . . Joe Gulino is with the Red Sox, sink or swim. . . . Ed Bates was overheard talking about riding out hurricane "Connie" in his boat on Meadow Pond. . . . Jim Robbins fell off the breakwater at Matunick Beach and the undertow got a hold of him. It was touch and go for awhile, but Jim made it to shore safely. . . . Everett Bishop the "Atlas" of Department 439, used a little too much muscle while tightening a pipe. It snapped off and Everett landed on his "pride." . . . The fishermen of the department went out to Narragansett Bay with the usual good luck. Jim Daubney, who claims he never catches anything, came along. A few good pointers from the "experts" and Jim caught enough to feed his relatives. . . . George Hamm went fishing with his son, George, Jr. This was little George's first time fishing. When little George caught a "kiver" and big George threw it back in, little George gave him a look and said, "Why did you do that? Now he will tell the other fish we are here and they won't bite."

Carol Jean Rosol, daughter of our Assistant Foreman Edward Rosol, was married to Edward Monroe of East Douglas on Saturday, August 13.

Guess you know that our straighteners are pretty good. We even sent Stanley Rutana out to Roxbury Carpet Mills in Saxonville, Mass. to help speed up their production by putting their frames in better running condition. . . . That old saying, "The bigger they come, the harder they fall" was proven by Ray Ballou's son. Ray was fooling around with his little boy on the beach when Ray went head over heels, ending up with a broken toe.

George Bourassa found time to look at the scenery on his second trip to Niagara Falls with his family

GRINDER JOB

by Betty Ann Feen

Birthday greetings for the month of September are extended to Alfred Vallee, our inspector; Alfred Boufford and Ray Fitton. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tycks who celebrated their ninth wedding anniversary on September 2.

Arthur Gauvin's wife is expecting to take a trip out West in the near future. How near we don't know. Arthur, being the generous fellow he is, lets Ora save all her blueberry money so she may fulfill this wish.

The welcome mat is out to Nap Ledoux who just returned from 423. Also to Ralph True, our new trucker and Gerard Boucher. Also Francis Chausse, an apprentice. Hope you will have a long and happy stay. . . . Frank Mancini, our planner, who is now on maneuvers at Camp Drum sent a barometer to take care of the fishermen on the job and also a thermometer for the adjustment of the windows in the office. . . . Good to see Joe Bruneau after a short stay in the hospital. . . . Billy Such seems to be spending a lot of time at the Cape this summer. Wonder what the drawing card is? . . . Archie Jacobs our day man is leaving us to go on nights. Good luck, Archie.

COMBER JOB

by Terry Merolli

All those smiling faces are due to the sharp ball-playing of the Red Sox. "Let's hope it continues!" says Mike Zylstra. Latest conversation overheard between Mike Zylstra and Andy Hoekstra—MIKE: "The Red Sox don't know how to spell the word 'Slump.'" ANDY: "Where the heck would they be in a spelling bee!!" Ever since the Yankees took the 3 game series you can hear Andy singing all over the place!! . . . John Hoyle reports that his artesian well is completed. The well is 249 ft. deep at $6.00 a ft. Woe is John! Department 424 presented him with a check for 20 cents to help cover the cost of the drilling. Better get paper routes for those youngsters of yours, John, or better still, charge everyone for a drink of water. . . . Birthday greetings to Butch Surowiec, Hugh Mateer, Fred Coffey, Pete Young, Bill "Scooter" Ryan and John Hoyle. Anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Butch Surowiec and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Stanley. . . . Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Mike Kroll who is out on leave of absence. . . . Welcome to W. Pontes our new apprentice in the Department. . . . Hector Chase is sporting a new bright yellow sweat shirt. Who picked that out?

Alfred Milano and Hollis Booth, cutter grinders, divide their haul of quahogs at Connimicut, Rhode Island*

Amede L'Heureux, Department 451, caught a 42½ lb. fish at Cape Cod during vacation

Ed Jones, Department 450, spent his vacatian making small anes aut af big ones with the aid of a jackhammer

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Beginning this month the Company will place two information racks in the porches of the Cafeteria and will supply these racks with reading matter of general interest. New subjects will be on display every ten days and, in the course of time, information on nearly every conceivable subject will be made available.

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The literature which will be displayed in the racks is purchased by the Company for your reading pleasure at home. Select as many of the subjects and items as you wish and take them home to your family. I hope that you and the other members of your household will find the proffered literature entertaining, interesting, and worth preserving for future reference.

J. HUGH BOLTON,
President and General Manager

Mr. Blouin's new home down on Linwood Avenue is nearly completed. He and his family expect to be moving in very soon.

Rene Provost, inspector at 445, left for Arizona with his family during the month. They will reside in Tucson where Rene will be employed as an inspector at the Howard Hughes Aircraft Factory. Departments 489, 445 and 424 presented Rene with a purse, and our best wishes for a good trip and success in his new job.

LINWOOD DIVISION

by Louise Sohigian and Wilbur Baird

We are very happy to have back with us Hannah Frieswyk and Myrtle Cronan who were out on sick leave.

At this writing Department 451 has purchased tickets to go by bus to the ball game on September 9, to see the sizzling Red Sox and Cleveland. It should be an exciting game and everybody is looking forward to it. . . . We are very happy to hear that Harry Jackson has moved into his newly-built home at Monterey Park, one of the new streets in Whitinsville. . . . Susanna Gusney has returned after spending a month in her native land, New Foundland. . . . Happy Birthday to Joseph Janczyk.

The girls of 451 held a wiener roast at Purgatory. Games were played and enjoyed by all. The evening was completed by going to the new home of Aldea and Axel Peterson in Manchaug for coffee. This home is to be known as "Shad Acres."

We have a good Samaritan here in Department 450. One Sunday morning while on the way to church, Frank DeJong saw a baby blue jay in the middle of the road. He stopped his car, got out, and gently placed the baby bird on a near-by lawn. As he put the baby bird in safety, mother blue jay dive-bombed, pecked, and clawed Frank. Frank's son said "If she had known you were helping, she would have kissed you instead."

George Columbia spent his vacation fishing at Narragansett Bay. . . . Clarence Sweeney stayed at Cape Cod Canal, getting in some fine fishing. . . . Walter Guertin attended the Red Sox–Baltimore game in Boston. . . . At this writing Harry Malkasian has returned home from the hospital and is doing fine. The same with Al Blizard, who has returned home. . . . Mr. Carl Bosma was appointed temporary assistant foreman of Department 450 during the absence of Mr. Blizard.

Belated birthday greetings go to Albert Ballou who passed his 32nd birthday on July 18.

TOOL JOB

by George Jones

Roland "Humphrey" Fontaine, the Tool Job steel distributor, spent a day at Wallum Lake when the state was killing the fish and came home with 180 dressed pout. . . . While practicing with the Fire Department, Bob Halacy of the night shift stepped in a hole and fell into the Arcade Pond. . . . The most unfortunate man

of the month was Sidney "Sip" Lafleur. "Sip" shopped around for six months looking for a good car and at last found a dandy 1952 Plymouth. On Sunday he parked it near the church. Along came his nephew and creased the whole right side. . . . John Cencak saw Art Barsey wandering around the side streets of Worcester. When asked what the matter was, Barsey said that he had forgotten where he had parked his car.

Roy Lermond invited his neighbors, Mrs. James Shaw and family and Mrs. Lew Lyman and family, for a cruise around Lake Singletary. They hadn't gone too far when the boat filled with water. The lake was shallow enough so the women could walk to shore carrying their children. . . . Bob Hamblin spent a week's vacation looking over farms in Vermont. Bob wants to buy a fárm and get out in the open air. . . . Phil Farrell câme in after vacation, quietly picked up his tools and bid farewell to his many friends on the job and went into retired life. . . . Another softball season has passed and the Tool Job Team deserves a lot of credit. They went through the season without winning a game but the team stayed in the league and played every game. . . . Jim O'Rourke had a very "a-peeling" face after getting sunburned at the beach. . . . Phil Ferraro of the night shift wants it known that he had a birthday on August 7.

The new die maker is Warren Johnson who comes here from Pressed Metal Company of Hopedale. He lives in Hopedale with his wife and two children and enjoys baseball and hunting. . . . As the SPINDLE goes to press Leonard Bousquet is in Montreal attending his uncle's funeral. . . . The new trucker is Robert Demers. This is Bobby's first job in the W.M.W. He lives on West Water Street in Whitinsville.

FOUNDRY

by Joe Guidi

On June 30, 1955, Joseph Vincent and Victor Carpentier retired from the Foundry. Joe Vincent was born November 9, 1889 in Canada. He is married to the former Zepherine Boisclaire of 169 Sayles Street, Woonsocket, R. I. Joe has been with the Whitin Machine Works for the past 13 years. He is now making his home at 152 Bourdon Blvd., Woonsocket, R. I. Vic Carpentier was born on March 18, 1890 in Worcester, Mass. All of Vic's education was received in the Worcester Schools. He has been married for the past 37 years to the former Margaret McCabe. Vic has been employed by the Whitin Machine Works for the past 20 years. He owns his own home at 5 Highland Terrace. . . . To these two wonderful gentlemen, the best of luck from all their foundry friends.

Congratulations to Arthur Tessier and Ike Johnson, Jr. upon receiving their ten-year service pins. . . . One week after being transferred to the squeezer unit, Arthur Bessette bought a 1955 Buick. The line at the Foundry Office for transfers to the Unit is terrific. . : . The following is a recent report from the Retirement Fund Committee:

Previous Amount	$54.84
Collection	60.33
Interest	.93
	$116.10
Less: Expenditure (2 Gift Checks 6/30/55)	100.20
Present Balance	$15.90

The Foundry Supervisors' Annual Outing was held July 30, 1955, as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roland A. Hanson at Hog Island, R. I. . . . As in the past, a full course seashore dinner was served with plenty of refreshments available. Judging by the tales, a wonderful time was had by all.

Hurricanes are back in season. How do we know? Besides the regular broadcasts Cowboy Baril was seen hurrying about Woonsocket for Hurricane Insurance for his trailer at Scarborough Beach. He was told it was too late. So he did the next best thing. He anchored the trailer so the tide wouldn't take it away. Someone told me at first sight he thought it was a boat instead of a trailer. . . . Another tale just came to me that occurred right here on the Quaker Highway. Armand Roberts, who has a trailer there, wasn't taking any chances. He was seen tying his trailer down with cable. There's nothing like being prepared.

A large welcome to the following men who are recent additions to the Foundry: L. Pelletier, L. White, L. Bergeron, R. Tancrell, R. Lanoie, H. Deragon, J. Baker, L. Lamoot, D. Picard, D. Laurence, T. Boddie, H. LeBlanc, M. Paquette, L. Brodeur, A. Kelliher, G. Doyle, A. Lamoore, N. Frigon, and T. Chaplin.

STEEL FABRICATION AND CUT-OFF JOBS

by Maurice P. Valois

Good deeds should always be mentioned—and this time it involves Alex "Sandy" Gray, the Plant Security Guard who keeps our gate entrance and driveway spic and span. Sandy is always on the old ball with a broom, or a rake, policing the area, and it is appreciated by all concerned too!

Gook luck to Robert Nydam and Dino J. Vetri, both selected for the Apprentice School, and welcome to a new Apprentice on 432 in the person of Frank Zayonc, formerly of Department 448.

Wedding anniversaries are a-plenty this month: Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Closson, 33 years; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Briggs, 29 years; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kelliher, 26 years; Mr. and Mrs. John Bartlinski, 17 years; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice P. Valois, 14 years; Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Menard, 8 years; Mr. and Mrs. John Pouliot, 7 years; Mr. and

When Joe Deneault, Foundry, tells a fish story he has photographic evidence to back up his tale. You should have seen the one that got away

Ernest Lemire, Department 410, peers through a telescope to view Niagara Falls during vacation while Damien Richard, Department 453, wonders where the dime went

Frank J. Rousseau, Department 410's personality of the month, and Mrs. Rousseau have a son, Leader, who is studying for the priesthood. At the right is their other son, Gerard

During the season, the 434 softball team had a 17–3 record and won more scheduled games than any other team. In the playoffs they faced Department 453, the holders of the runner-up record of 15–5. Department 453 won two out of three games and became the league champions. Department 453, from the left: front row—John Rotcliffe, Walter Lawton, George Burgess, Irving Lightbown, R. Bethel, Bernard Howard and Oscar Asadoorian. Rear row—Alfred Lozier, Manager James Rice, Edmond Benoit, Leo Gauthier, and Leonard Baldwin. Department 434, from the left: front row—Andrew Fitzgerald, Mike Morker, Manager Roland Wilson, and P. Lachapelle. Rear row—Paul Godbout, Arthur Bokaski, Richard Lachapelle, Jerry Roy and Roland Blondin. Not present when the picture was taken: Floyd Gudanowski and L. Remillard

Mrs. John "Red" Kortecamp, 5 years; Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Grenier, Sr., 5 years; and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Flinton, 2 years.

Birthday celebrations this month: Emile J. Aussant, Robert Anderson, Ralph Aspinwall, Alfred Nichols, Maurice P. Valois, Jim Fitzgerald, and Harvey Croteau.

For good tuna fishing, contact Mike Yozura of Department 432. He has arranged fishing trips for several seasons now, and all have been very successful—the parties usually go beyond Block Island. Mike caught a 35-pound codfish on his last trip out. . . . Last year at this time, Pat DeBellis invited you to visit his summer camp on Gaspee Plateau, R. I.—how many of you did find the place?

Personality: This month we salute a friend and co-worker who is known for many qualities, but the most outstanding quality is his cooperation. This man is Joseph Frank Rousseau of Department 410. Frank lives in his birthplace, Woonsocket, R. I. He attended grammar school and held various jobs in that city, and was at one time number one baker at the Belisle Bakery of Woonsocket. On June 15, 1931 at St. Ann's Church, Miss Rosa Carpentier became his wife. They have two sons, Leodor, age 22, who is studying for the priesthood in New Hampshire, and Gerard, age 16. Frank started at W.M.W. on October 22, 1945, on the Cut-Off Job (410). He spent six years in the Navy, naturally as a cook. He drives a '51 Chevvy, likes all sports, and enjoys watching TV. Frank's goal in life is simple and unique—to have good health and give his sons the education they deserve. His cheerful smile and loud "Good Morning" make him the well-liked person he really is.

METAL PATTERNS

by Bill Prior

Francis Spratt received his 20-year service pin last month. . . . Gerritt Dykstra, job foreman, has returned from his annual two-week vacation. . . . Louis Stimpson and Mrs. Stimpson spent their vacation at the Rangeley Lakes in Maine. Those Vodka recipes sounded like something! . . . Richard Zibell, office clerk, was at Camp Drum in New York State with the National Guard. . . . Bob Mellor filled in very nicely for Dick in his absence.

Baseball has come to life in this department with the Red Sox surge. At this writing Joe Prior is rooting for the Yankees and Mickey "Bubble Gum" Mantle. Joe and Bunky Kearnan go at it over Jimmy "Boy" Piersall and Mantle.

Harold Warren and Mrs. Warren spent the vacation period at Booth Bay Harbor, Maine. Harold took a lot of beautiful colored slide pictures. . . . Ernest Payson rested at Rockland, Maine. . . . Karl Rankin finally received his new car, a Dodge. Karl struggled for months before making up his mind!

BOOSTER DART

by Hector Sauve

Farewell for a while to Joe Ricard, Al Houle, Harold Sizer, Mike Swiczsz. Also to inspectors Yvonne Larochelle and Jacqueline Labrecque. Ditto for machines 10136, 10305, 7113 and 8047. . . . Having skipped last month's vacation report, it is time to say everyone seemed to be well done! Joe Hickey, however, spent a few days in the shade up in Maine and enjoyed leisure hours eating and eating. Rita Deome enjoyed a week in the northern part of North America—Canada, that is. For the most part everyone split their vacations with a few days at the beaches. . . . As there were no birthdays in the department in July, we send greetings to Olap Klosimeric, native of South Africa, who was three years old on July 10. . . . During the month of July, Francis Kelley received an oil bath from the job's hydro-tester. Sharing his beauty treatment was Walter Curran, government inspector.

Perley Chesley, Department 420, rocks his grandson, Clifford Chesley, Jr.

SHEET METAL, PAINT AND CREEL JOBS

by Dorsey Devlin

On a recent week end Charlie Wilson went deep-sea fishing out of York, Maine and was awarded the prize for the largest catch. . . . Russ Wood has left us to return to work in his native state of Maine. Charlie Poxon, night shift trucker, has been transferred to days. . . . Frank Rybak, who has been a painter for 40 years, was a proud attendant at his son Chester's marriage to Sally Lou Aites on August 6. . . . James Brooks, son of Joe Brooks, enlisted in the Navy. . . . Hookie Hoekstra has the distinction of being one of the youngest grandfathers we know. . . . Harold Ingham is reportedly toying with the idea of buying a home. . . . Gilbert Quist has returned to the Paint Job after serving with the Marine Corps. . . . Phil Dion and family spend each week end at Point Judith, R. I.

Ross Rajotte was an attendant at the Purple Heart National Convention in Boston. . . . Gerry Forget and Henry Pandolfi found out that rising at 5 a.m. on Saturday morning to go fishing proves that the old saying, "We should have stayed in bed" applied perfectly, as the fish were all sleeping. . . . Al Lucier, parts and process man, has returned to work after three months in and out of hospitals. We are all glad to see Al's happy and smiling face around again. Norman Spratt is back with us also after an illness.

Val Yargeau, Joe Brooks, Walter Pouliot, and Art Laferriere for the last five months have been planning a hunting trip to Maine. When the final detail, getting a suitable gun for Val, is accomplished the plans will be complete. . . . George Dumais spends a lot of his spare time fishing in the Quabbin Reservoir in Ware.

With the red hot pennant race in the American League, the Paint Job and ninety-nine per cent of 413 are like Fenway Park. A little corner of 413 known as No. 25 Storesroom, is a miniature Yankee Stadium. By the time the next issue of the SPINDLE is released, all crying towels should be dry enough to store away until next year.

MILLING JOB

by Harry Ludvigson

Returning to work after our vacation, we were all glad to see Arthur Ballou back at the old stand after being out for ten weeks on sick leave. . . . All our good wishes go with Leo Rousell, who left us on July 22 to work in Providence where he has taken up residence with his family. . . . Paul Mailoux proved to us that he can handle the rod and reel. At Wordens Pond in Wakefield, R. I. he caught two bass and one pickerel. The bass weighed six and one-half pounds, five and one-half pounds, and the pickerel was a four-pounder.

Trying to better this catch at our own Whitinsville Arcade Pond on July 24, George Vincent was sure he was going to do so when he tied on to what he thought was the grand-daddy of them all. Instead he landed a turtle which he said must have weighed about 75 pounds. The trouble was that the turtle, after being landed, returned to the water and dragged George in with him until the line broke leaving our friend standing in the water over his knees.

Frank Michalski, Russell Palmer, and Lawrence Southwick recently completed their machinist courses. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Everett Fessenden, who celebrate their 19th wedding anniversary on September 5. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jackman will celebrate their 14th wedding anniversary on September 27. . . . June Fessenden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Fessenden, will enter Pembroke College at Providence, R. I., where she will take a pre-medical course. . . . Jules Moreau, after being out for 28 months because of illness, returned to work on August 8. We all wish him good health in the future. . . . A clambake held at the Fish and Game Club at Prentice Corner on Saturday, September 10, was attended by many of the employees of Department 416 and members of their families. Committee members were Raymond VanDyke, Pete Nash, Sidney Vandersea, and Edward Fontaine. Sports were enjoyed after the splendid bake and all who attended are looking forward to more such outings in the future. . . . Arthur Jackman, LaForrest Lunt, Thomas Daley, Owen Flood, and Francis Blette joined the Rail Bird Club last month bringing the total membership to eleven. However, they are still greatly outnumbered by the fans who have definite favorites.

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

by Marcel Turgeon

Personality of the month: Micheal Der-Kosrofian, one of twelve children and son of a church minister at Pazmachen, was born in Armenia in 1891. He attended primary school at Pazmachen and went on to Harpoot to study languages; Armenian, French, Turkish and Arabic. He visited a few cities in Europe but found they did not have too much to offer, so he decided to come to the United States by boat via

At a local field event the pet of George Hamm, shown on the right, won third prize in a pet show. On the left is Tom Farley, Jr., with his dog

Liverpool. He landed in Philadelphia, proceeded to New York, and finally arrived in Whitinsville in 1912 at the age of 22. The second day after he arrived here he came to work for the freight house as a packer and has been doing the same type of work ever since. Three years after he landed here, he received word that his whole family had been wiped out by Turks who invaded his homeland in 1915. "Mike" married "Rosie" Halvagien of Boston in 1922. They have two children, Leo and Thelma, who live at home at 347 Church Street. He is active in the affairs in the Armenian community and is treasurer and trustee of the local Armenian Apostolic Church. In his spare moments he likes to work in his garden. Having visited England, France and other foreign countries, he finds that America is the finest place in the world and enjoys living in Whitinsville.

The welcome mat is out to greet Miss Ruth O'Day and Miss Mary Lanagan. Mary Lanagan recently became engaged to Nick DeHaas, Jr., apprentice. No date has been set for the wedding. . . . Congratulations to Mike Stanick upon receiving his ten-year pin. . . . Harold Bishop got a surprise the other day when he went to take some cartons out of bay seventeen in the storage area and found a cat with her litter of kittens. Anyone wishing a kitten see Harold Bishop. . . . Sporting new cars in Linwood: a Fleetwood Cadillac, Severin Roy; and a Bel-Air Chevrolet, Damien Richard. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Armand Turcotte have moved into their new home. We are looking forward to the housewarming. We'll bring the refreshments. . . . Our Red Sox rooters, Clarence Bisson, Elwin Elliott, Ed Sheehan and Chet Farrar motored to Boston to see the Sox play the Yankees. . . . The softball playoffs are now going on. We are still in the league, so keep it up, team! . . . The girls in the office are taking up sports. Nancy Britten, golf, and anyone for tennis should see Lorraine Dufault who plays a mean game.

Matthew Krajewski, of General Machining, completed the type "S" course at the Gishalt Balancing School of the Gishalt Machine Company. This two-week course will enable the department to make better use of their highly-sensitive balancing machine

GENERAL MACHINING

by Ken Harrington

Vacation time is over and everyone at 423 looks well tanned. There weren't very many that strayed away from home too far. . . . Oliver Baker, attempting to steam some clams, burned the bottom out of a kettle. . . . Since Art Ashworth has been on the night shift the boys have been bringing in their own tomatoes this year. . . . If anyone wants to take a tour of Boston, see Henry Nelson. He took Pete Babowitch and your reporter down last week and he sure knows his way around Boston.

Birthday greetings to Bill Smith. . . . Wedding anniversary congratulations to John Megerdichian. . . . Have John Malley and Leo Mullen gone fishing lately? . . . Due to special requests, we have asked Oliver Baker to bring the Oscar out of retirement. He has consented to do so. It will be back for next month.

SPINNING, CARD ERECTING AND POLISHING

by Francis Horan

Belated news of travelers. Roy Krumbholz enjoyed pleasant weather during a long trip to Chicago to visit his mother during vacation. Phil Holmes ran into some local residents while visiting Radio City. Pete Frieswyk also visited New York. . . . While Albert Bowyer was on vacation his daughter and son-in-law tiled and repainted Albert's kitchen. They did such a fine job of renovating that Albert thought he was in the wrong house when he returned. . . . Bill Rutana has completed his duties as a juryman in Fitchburg. . . . Bill LeClair is back at work. You can't keep a good man down. . . . Manchaug, always known as a one-horse-town, almost lost its horse the other evening. Jack Fleszar, while driving his car, almost ran into the one horse. Bob Brown of the Card Job returned the horse to the pasture. . . . Hi and the best of luck to Herb and Tom. . . . Ken Procter has returned from maneuvers at Camp Drum, New York. . . . Happy birthday to: William Muse, James Strachan, Dennis Cournoyer, Armand St. Andre, William Rutana, Bob Williams, John Baldyga, and Roy Krumbholz.

To our former postman, Bill St. Andre, who just retired and who is known by everyone in Whitinsville, the following poem is dedicated:

There's a man who came to our house every single day
It did not matter if we were home or if we were away,
He has carried good news, yes, and often bad,
But that was just his duty because he held the bag.
The bag contained such matters the Government only knew;
But Bill's delivery rain or shine was always on time to you.

To you Bill and Mrs. St. Andre the best that life holds.

WOOD PATTERNS

by Vera Taylor

Congratulations to our new Foreman and Acting Assistant Foreman, Raymond Fullerton and Alfred Sutcliffe respectively. May they enjoy much success in their new positions. . . . Robert Gonynor is back, hale and hearty from his two weeks at Camp Devens with the Reserves. . . . We welcome to the Wood Pattern Job two new apprentices: Dino J. Vetri from Woonsocket and formerly of Department 432, and Albert P. John of Northbridge who comes to us from Kupfer Bros. We hope they too enjoy their new jobs. . . . Everyone is pleased to have Wilfred Whitney back on the job again. . . . Belated birthday greetings to George Gauthier who celebrated in August, and congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Visser, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Whitney, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sutcliffe. Sorry our lack of column prevented these from being more timely. In September Florence Bileau has a birthday and the Robert Gonynors, the Lawrence Gilmores and the Raymond Stanovichs celebrate wedding anniversaries. Congratulations all!

Altaan A. Oalavgian, daughter of Walter Oalavgian of Department 433, is training at Northeastern University to be an X-ray and Medical Technician

Jack Siriskey, roadman, likes lobster and reports that the twenty-five pounder whose claw he holds was delicious. Jack cooked the monster two and a half hours in a wash tub. The giant lobster was caught by dragnet in Rhode Island waters. The left-over meat was sliced and frozen

Personality of the month: Nelson I. Bartlett was born in Uxbridge, July 30, 1927. His family moved to Whitinsville when he was two. He attended Northbridge Public Schools until he entered the Navy in May, 1945. In July, 1946 he was discharged. Nelson started in the Whitin Machine Works in August, 1946, at Department 421. He was transferred to Department 440 in May, 1947. He started his apprentice cabinet maker's course in June, 1951. In April, 1954, he was transferred to 401 as an apprentice pattern maker. He was married to Theresa Britt on May 17, 1947. They have two young daughters, Amy May and Sharon Lee. They live in Blackstone where they hope to eventually build their own home. Nelson claims lack of spare time prevents his acquiring any hobbies other than tinkering with his car.

RING JOB

by Robert Balcome

Where was "Connie"? That was the question. The week end she was expected didn't look very promising. However, some folks never get enough vacation. Margaret Marshall, that hardy soul, journeyed to New Hampshire. She also went to that little Maine town, Vinal Haven, over Labor Day.

News items in brief—Ken McCullough sporting another new Mercury; Chris Dona with a new brush-cut (some head of hair); Fred Brown's house struck by lightening (should have seen the sparks); Alice Dionne during the hot spell with an impromptu pony tail's hairdo; Gertrude Boucher's family is rapidly thinning out, for her son Arthur will soon be at the altar. . . . Birthday greetings to Joe Witek, Chet Clark, Gertrude Boucher, Beryle Doble and Al Brothers. Also a welcome to Walter Lucier who has been added to our turning force, and Leo Hudon who is back with us. . . . We wish the best for William Gjeltema who left us for two weeks at Camp Drum and then to California. . . . Only 87 shopping days before Christmas.

WINDER JOB, PICKER ERECTING, AND PICKER SMALL PARTS

by Lorraine Levasseur

We understand that Buster Bromley's recent encounter with Mr. Skunk was not a pleasant one. Buster was too late in noticing the animal in his garden and before he could escape the skunk took out his vengeance on Buster.

Edward Valliere, employed as stock receiver in Crib No. 18, celebrated his twentieth birthday August 11. . . . Peter Andonian spent two weeks in Weymouth training for the Naval Reserves. . . . We are glad to report that John Skeary is back with us after being ill several weeks.

Walter Philbrook, Department 443, holds his eight-months old grandson, Henry M. Cahill, II

John H. Nydam is the personality of the month from the Research Division

BOLSTER JOB

by Charles Kheboian

The second trip to Fenway Park by the Bolster Job baseball fans turned out to be quite a night for all Red Sox fans. Bob Cochrane, who was rooting for Detroit, didn't have too much to cheer about as Willard Nixon shut out Detroit. Leo Bouley added his pleasant voice to the thousands of fans voicing their approval of the Red Sox. Dick Baker finally saw the Red Sox win a game this year. Dick was beginning to think he was a jinx. Harold Flinton, Walter Fierley and Leo Bouley gave us rousing renditions of Polish and Armenian folk music which kept Frank Machacz and Dominic O'Gara awake all the way home. Leo Bouley came away from the game with his ego well inflated because he was led to believe by some people that he looked much younger than his years. Our timekeeper, Lois Blakely, was also seen at the game. Cleveland is the last team we see this year and we hope to have as nice a time.

We extend get well wishes to Manning Arnold and Clem LaFlash who have been out ill the past few weeks. Al Girouard's boy has been in St. Vincent Hospital and we hope that he is well real soon. . . . Ray Blizard, who has been threatening to buy a newer car, finally bought a 1953 Chevrolet. . . . We welcome Donald Menard recently hired to help Jim Martin. . . . Walter Fierley brought in thirty-six quahogs one morning. When he went to eat them there were a very few left. Walt thinks there might be sea mice around or a more logical explanation would be that Lindsey Harding and Leo Bouley smelled the quahogs. Need we say more?

RESEARCH DIVISION

by Bernice Taylor

September again—vacations are over and summer wear will soon be put away until next year. A bright note in summer fashions were the red plaid shorts that Chick Blakely was wearing one fine day. Very attractive, too, we have been told. . . . Special congratulations this month from all of us go to John Baker who has been appointed Apprentice Director. We shall all miss him, and doubly so, for he was most helpful in supplying news for this column. Best of luck to him. . . . Dick Benoit of the Machine Shop has agreed to gather all the news in his department and his help is certainly appreciated. . . . Bill McFarland and Ernie Zimmerman are recipients of five-year pins and Carl Brandt is now a 20-year man. Congratulations.

Personality of the month: John H. Nydam was born in this town in 1926. He attended schools both here and in Uxbridge and was graduated from Uxbridge High School in 1944. For the next year he served as a member of the Army Air Corps. When John first came to work at Whitin Machine Works, he began in the Metal Lab. From there he went to the Magneto Job, and finally the Experimental Department. He has continued in experimental work and is a designer in the Engineering Department. John attended Worcester Junior College at night for four years where he studied Mechanical Engineering. John is married to the former Miss Winifred DeVries of Chicago. The Nydams have three sons—Ronald, Kenneth and John, Jr. They live on Beverly Avenue in North Uxbridge. John also has a summer cottage at Stevens Pond in Manchaug. Though busy with his own family, John finds time to be Director of the Christian Reformed Boys' Club. He instructs the boys in woodworking and in mechanical drawing. Often he plans outings for the boys at his summer cottage. John is a sportsman and enjoys hunting and fishing and, of course, he follows the great American sport of baseball and is an ardent Red Sox fan.

A hearty welcome to two of our newcomers—James Arthur and Henry Myott. . . . Many happy returns of the day to Peter Regas, Al Benson and Fran Lash who have September birthdays.

Ronald, Kenneth, and John, Jr., are the sons of John Nydam, Research Division's personality of the month

BOX JOB

by Alice Travaille

Al Blanchette and Paul Grenon have been busy evenings working at the new headquarters of the Auxiliary Police located in the Forest Street Annex. When it's completed, they'll have a home-away-from-home because it'll be completely equipped. The men are very grateful to Mr. Bolton and Captain MacDonald for their help in making the new quarters possible. . . . Due to lack of work, we have again said goodbye to Benny Oles, Ralph Nolet and Leon Duda who have been transferred. Usually these boys are the only news material—either going or coming. . . . Anniversary greetings for September to Henry and Mrs. Such, their 20th, and birthday greetings to Chillo Lariviere. . . . Chillo Lariviere's son Richard spent a week at the Boy Scout camp, Treasure Valley, in Paxton. After visiting him, Chillo reports that the boys really rough it, having no electricity, or other comforts of civilization.

SPINNING SMALL PARTS

by Jake Sohigian

First this month we would like to wish Arthur Bedard a quick recovery from his sudden siege of sickness. Arthur has been out of work for a number of weeks now. He is sorely missed on the job. The whole department sends him their best wishes. . . . Department 429's softball team ended the season in a tie for third place and were quickly eliminated in the play-offs. After starting off the first part of the season in great style, the team seemed to taper off in its winning ways. The clutch performers really choked in the crucial periods—well, maybe next year. . . . Don Simmons was walking around the other morning when he walked smack into the degreaser pulley. For a minute he saw more stars than there are in the sky. He came out of it with a slight gash. . . . Franny Forsythe has already started rounding up his players for the up-and-coming bowling season. Franny hasn't had much luck with the final results these past couple of years and is looking around for clutch performers to carry him out of the cellar and into the winners' circle. Go get 'em, Franny.

Ernest Chose, personality from the Machine Accounting Section, is a judge of fine corn

At this writing the Red Sox have overcome a big 15-game deficit and are in the thick of things in the big American League pennant race. Sport lovers all over New England take off their hats to a fine fighting ball club—whether on top or not, the New England representatives are putting on a great show. Long live the Bosox. . . . Tex Whittlesey, our timekeeper from Texas, says he is glad to be a New Englander. He says that, next to Texas, New England stands above all!

"No news is good news" so they say—but in this instance, news is what makes this column possible. Let's pass on the news to make Department 429 well represented in the SPINDLE—it travels the world.

This youth is 429's mystery photo. How mony of the workers on 429 recognize their fellow employee?

PAYROLL COMPUTATION, MACHINE ACCOUNTING, BUDGETS, STATEMENTS AND TIMEKEEPING

by Bob English

On a recent deep-sea fishing trip, Phyllis McQuilkin of Budgets requested the skipper to drop her off on the nearest island in the bay while the rest of the party spent the day at sea. On their return, Phyl was picked up and was ever so grateful to once again put her feet on "terra firma." . . . Considerable mail poured onto the desk of Isabel Kasparian of Statements. She was evidently running for a political office or planning a trip to the Geneva Conference—learned through a reliable source it was just a well-planned vacation to Atlantic City. . . . A group of (28) girls said farewell to Connie Deslauriers of Payroll at a dinner at the Colonial Club in Webster on July 28. Connie was presented a double string of pearls and a purse of money. . . . Frank Widor of Machine Accounting has a new Pontiac. . . . Birthday greetings for August to Jim Burke, Bob English, Ted Froh, Emily Quigley and John Shaw. . . . We welcome Patricia Gaddas to the Payroll group. Also Christine Myott to Machine Accounting where she will become a key punch operator. . . . Bradley Brown of Department 404 Timekeeping received his five-year pin. The presentation was made by his father, F. M. Brown.

Personality of the month: Ernie Chase of Machine Accounting. Anyone who has had a long life of experience is worth listening to, worth emulating, and worth tying to as a friend. We welcome readily to our group that one who talks with the voice of experience and common sense. Ernie is at present assistant supervisor of the payroll section. One can appreciate the responsibility attached to his work. Ernie joined W.M.W. in 1942, coming from the American Weaver's Inc. of Farnumsville (now Tuppers), where he was employed for eleven years. Ernie started work in the Cost Department for a three-month period, then transferred to Machine Accounting. He is active in the United Presbyterian Church where he is a member of the session. His other church duties consist of assisting the superintendent of Sunday Schools. His greatest experience (in 1951) was attending the General Assembly of U. P. Churches in Des Moines, Iowa. The trip by plane had memories, as the landing gear went out of commission resulting in a crash landing. Fortunately all on board were uninjured. Ernie's hobby is gardening and he has prize ribbons to prove his qualifications. He is a handy man about his home where he has on occasion papered and painted every nook and corner. Ernie makes his home at 40 Johnston Avenue, Whitinsville, with his wife, Ann (Frieswyck) and son, Ernie, Jr., age 13. He is a graduate of Becker College and also took an evening course at the New England School of Accounting.

Captain William McGilpin spent the July heat wave fishing through the ice at Thule, far northern U. S. air base in Greenland. Captain McGilpin is the son-in-law of Charles Moteer of Methods

METHODS DEPARTMENT

by Jean Cunningham

Joe Bouley and Archie Bolivar spent some time down on the Cape fishing. Joe was an early riser, getting up at 3:00 a.m. to make sure that he would be able to catch the fish while they were still asleep, and that he did too. He tells me he caught almost thirty flounders and some of them were pretty big. I didn't hear what Archie had to say about it.

Everyone in the office welcomes Mr. Merton Whatley, who came to us from Ostby & Barton Co. in Providence. We hope he will enjoy his stay with us. Also we welcome Shirley Labrecque who came to us from Wage Standards. We hope she enjoys working with us. . . . We wish Frank Budnick, John Lalor, Edward McNamee, Ed Reeves and Arno Wagner pleasant birthdays this month. Many happy returns to all of them. . . . There seems to be a moving spree going on in the office. Leo Petrie and his wife have moved from Douglas to 2 Spring Terrace in Whitinsville. Mrs. Petrie feels right at home because she was born in Whitinsville and says it seems kind of nice to be back again. Harley Buma has moved from Overlook Street to Hill Street and Emil Zywein has moved from B Street in the New Village over to Leland Road. Wonder who's going to be next to make a move? . . . Hope Brown and Lydia Hickey took their families to the beach one Sunday not too long ago. Both Hope and Lydia are still peeling from the sunburns they got.

MAIN OFFICE

by Gloria Frabotta and Marlene Willard

Approximately fourteen of the Main Office crew found a way to keep themselves nice and cool on one of our humid days last month. The place—Wallum Lake; the waterer—Mrs. Walker; the results—the best. Some relaxed by swimming, some by walking around the lake's point, and others enjoyed themselves by playing a few innings of softball. Everyone certainly found plenty on the table, typical of Mrs. Walker's service. To prove this point, one of the parties ran around the table to "make room for dessert," and still another had to stand while eating her final course. You can be sure no one left until the last gun was fired. . . . Misfortune seemed to have struck the Main Office last month. Your reporters as well as the entire Main Office group sent our get-well wishes to Eva O'Keefe, Margie McCallum, and Florence Tupper. We hope you'll have returned by this reading, girls. . . . We had quite a number of vacationists during the past few weeks: Florence Baldwin, Eva Higginbottom, Norman MacIntyre, Dot Shaughnessy, Evelyn McNamara, Marion Boyd, Frank Polucha, J. J. Foley, Lennie Baldwin and Kermit Bickford. . . . What happened to all those pictures? We certainly thought we'd at least get one of some sand sharks from our Payroll "fisher." . . . Welcome and congratulations to Al Richards who is helping on the duties as mail boy and supply room clerk. The former wish is evident; the latter, due to his recent marriage on August 27.

Sondra Spratt, daughter of Agnes of the Main Office and James of the Gear Job, waits impatiently for a fish to bite

MYSTERY PHOTO: The August mystery photo showed, from the left, Albert Brouwer, Sol Fowler (deceased), Charlie Mateer, and Bill Brouwer. The gentlemen on the right, shown at the age of four years, is employed in a machining department

We are all glad to see that Florence Tupper reached her goal of getting her license. Not only did she show signs of nervous tension as the day drew nearer, but her poor black and blue arm, which she attributed to driving, also showed unmistakable traces of strain. Well, Florence, you can sit back and relax now. It's all over and our congratulations to you. Florence's remarks were: she'd never let her license expire, 'cause she'd never want to go through it again. . . . We'd simply like to say happy birthday this month to Helen Gilroy, Margie McCallum, Shirley McClellan, Marlene Willard, and Gordon Rankin; and to extend sincere anniversary wishes to Dot Shaughnessy, Marlene Willard, Lennie Baldwin, Louis Chabot, Tom Crawford, R. E. Lincoln, Norman MacIntyre, Bryant Nichols, and Jim Robertson.

COST DEPARTMENT

by Dick Hanny and Pauline Hagan

Personality of the month: Jim Shaw is a pleasant and cooperative member of the Roving Group. He first saw the light of day in Woonsocket, R. I. on December 3, 1925. He attended the Burrillville schools and later received his Bachelor of Science degree from Bryant College, Providence, R. I. He spent two-and-one-half years in the United States Navy as a gunner instructor. On September 26, 1953, he married Jocelyn Taylor and after a honeymoon in Bermuda, the couple took up residence in Linwood, Mass. Before coming to Whitin, he worked as office manager in the Dauphinais Corp. of Providence, R. I. Jim now serves as assistant treasurer of the Episcopal Church in Whitinsville and is president of our Friendship Club in the office. He has a flair for dramatics and has taken active part in many plays presented by the Burrillville Dramatic Club. Golfing is his chief hobby with photography running a very close second. Jim has also designed and built many useful cabinets and tables for his home.

As the Fall season overtakes us again, let us bid farewell to our two summer workers, Peggy Vincent and Jimmy West. . . . We hope that by now Rocky Knight is back with us after his attack of rheumatic fever. . . . The people down Texas way must carry around pretty big wallets judging from the size of the $100 bill Howard Anderson recently received through the mail. It must have been a foot long, but then everything is supposed to be bigger and better in Texas. . . . Illness in the family was the reason for Mary Swetnam being called back from her trip to California. We hope that all is well now and that she will find an opportunity to complete the trip in the future. . . . We were all glad to see Armand Plouffe again when he came in for a recent visit. Many of us had not

Jim Shaw, Cost Department personality of the month, was formerly a gunnery instructor in the Navy. His hobby is acting in plays

Leland Higgins, Foundry Production Control Office personality, is active in church and scout work

seen Armand in over six months, but we hope he will be fully recovered and back with us before many more months have passed. . . . The girls' Supper Club favored the Stockholm Restaurant at the Worcester Airport with their presence, and we feel sure that no one will forget their marvelous smorgasbord. . . . Florence LeBeau doesn't look at the world through rose-colored glasses any more. Now she has some pretty new blue ones. . . . Gus Ayotte took his Boy Scouts to Camp Yawgoog a few weeks ago, and came back with an infected toe. While he was there though, he succeeded in taking some official scout movies as planned. . . . Jim Shaw is seen these days driving around town in his new '39 Plymouth. Of course, Jim still has his '54 Buick, but his new jalopy still gets quite a workout. . . . John Miracle and his family spent two glorious weeks at St. Petersburg, Florida. . . . The rest of us may be able to profit from Shirley McNamara's recent mistake—never remove the cover from a pressure cooker too soon. We'll bet Shirley won't do it again either. . . . Anniversaries: Jim and Jocelyn Shaw, their second and Gus and Diana Ayotte, their second. Birthdays: Ann Wojtalik, Helen Sitnik, Florence LeBeau and Margaret Crosby.

FOUNDRY PRODUCTION CONTROL OFFICE

by Earl Briggs

Our personality for the month is Leland Higgins of the Foundry Wage Standards Division. Better known as "Lee" to his fellow workers, he was born in Blackstone, Mass. and has made his home there. He attended the schools there and graduated from high school with the class of 1930. He then furthered his studies by taking an accounting course for three years at the Woonsocket School of Commercial Science. After graduating from Commercial School he held several small jobs and then entered the Blackstone Division of the Lonsdale Company. He stayed with them as head slasher for 16 years which was broken in March, 1944 on his entering the service. Most of Lee's 26 months in the service were spent as a message center chief, and took him around Europe quite a bit. After his discharge from the service he returned to the Lonsdale Company and took a four year night course at the Rhode Island School of Design.

In October of 1951 he entered the Wage Standards Department of our plant and after a training period he was sent to the Foundry Division of Wage Standards. At present he is setting standards for the Core Room. Lee's hobbies include reading and travel and spending his spare time in church work and boy scout work in Blackstone. Another hobby of his is drawing up a new design for his present home.

My thanks to Arthur Broadhurst for writing this month's personality. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Donald Christiansen and son Michael have moved from their home in Uxbridge to take up residence in sunny California. Barbara was employed in our office. . . . Romeo tells us he had a "birdie" in his steering wheel so he took it apart and fixed it. No more "birdie," but no reverse either. What happened?

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

by Connie Duggan

Welcome back to Charlie Drummond who worked here a few years ago. He lives in Cumberland, R. I., and is now working for Ed Haggerty. . . . We also welcome James Arthur to our department. Jim comes to us from "way down" in North Carolina. He is staying at the Blue Eagle Inn for the present. . . . There are a lot of people who have bought new cars recently. Everyone must have seen Alice Naroian in her 1955 Buick. Jim Orrell has a 1955 Dodge. Jim Roddy recently bought a 1954 Plymouth sedan. Kitty Sullivan has a 195 Plymouth. Harold Miller and Ted Wido each have a 1955 Ford convertible, and ar they classy. . . . We welcome back Esthe Vincent who has been on sick leave for th past month. . . . A bridal shower wa held for Mary Cooper at the Colonial Clu August 25. Mary was presented a purs and an electric mixer. Mary will be mar ried to Norman MacIntyre on September 2 in the Congregational Church.

WAGE STANDARDS

by Donald Amiro

Several of Wage Standards personne have taken advantage of the present aut price slump by buying now. Lee Watso has purchased a new Plymouth beachwagon Walter Lanagan a new Ford sedan, Edga Howarth a 1953 Ford, and Russell Lupie a late-model Hudson. . . . Gordon L Spence is building that new house at Shaw's Corner on Hill Street. He is in hopes o moving in by Fall. . . . A luncheon party was given recently at the N. V. Cafe in honor of the marriage of George Pearc and Meredith Hope Underwood which took place on July 2 at the Community Baptist Church in Pascoag, R. I.

A wiener roast and social evening was held recently at Elizabeth Brown's cottage on Lake Nipmuc by the girls of the office. As things turned out the party had a dual purpose, for it was Jean Cahill's birthday. Age?? . . . Another party was held by the women of Wage Standards at the Stockholm Restaurant at the Worcester Airport in honor of the marriage of Joan Baker. . . . Wage Standards welcomes Virginia Lindblom, Joseph Sampson and Sterling Duffy. . . . Shirley Labrecque has been transferred to Methods Department. . . . Herbert Balcome has left the department to take advantage of the splendid apprentice program offered by the W.M.W., and is now in training for machine design. Best of luck to him. . . . Birthdays for this period were celebrated by Maria Beccia, Jean Cahill, Almond Cousins, Herbert Lindblom, Russell Lupien, George Pearce, Solomon Shuman, Lewis Smith, John Strachan and Harold Thayer.

PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

by Marge Newton and Tad Wallace

If the tomatoes that "Red" Adams brought in to Lester Dermody are any indication of his prowess as a gardener, we nominate "Red" as the best amateur gardener of the year because these particular tomatoes were measured and found to be two and one-half inches in circumference. . . . Jack Gilchrist, who is rarely caught in a situation in which he is without an answer, was stopped cold recently when Shirley Stanick asked him if he and Walter Gilchrist were brothers! . . . The girls of the night shift have done it again. They took their husbands to a beach party, swimming, picnic, games, singing, etc., and

Bill and Irene Lavallee were hosts to the group at the Lavallee summer home on the Whitin Reservoir. My usually reliable source of information tells me that this is the last party to be planned by the girls until the men decide to show their appreciation and take the gals out for a nice evening of dining and dancing. In view of past parties, I think the girls have a right to expect at least that much.

The welcome mat is rolled out this month for "Pat" DiSalvo of Woonsocket and Doris Shaw of Whitinsville, both currently working in the Master Route Section, for Ruth Valentine also of Woonsocket working in the Standard Stock Section, and Joan Hutcheson of Whitinsville working for Hughie Currie. It is nice to have them with us and we know that they will find that the Production Department is a pleasant place in which to work. We further welcome this month two additions to the expediters: "Ray" Young, who certainly needs no introduction to the people in the plant, and "Dick" Mombourquette who was transferred to us from the Erecting Floor.

In response to several inquiries asking why our column has not adopted the very popular "personality of the month" feature so widely used in the SPINDLE, we would like to say that starting with the next issue of the SPINDLE, we are going to follow the trend and try to present one or two "personalities." Please do not think that we have not given this some thought, but when our first efforts along this line met with rather poor cooperation we decided to abandon the idea. This is, however, your column and if you want a feature of this sort we are only too happy to get it for you. One thing we would like to ask is this, if you happen to be asked by one of the reporters for some information, please cooperate for only from you can we learn the things that make a feature of this nature interesting.

REPAIR SALES DEPARTMENT

By Joyce Rondeau

This month we wish happy birthday to Edna L'Esperance, Norman Baker, Ann Carter, and Therese Caswell! . . . Congratulations to Jim Marshall, Charlie Pearson, Dick Cunningham, and Joyce Rondeau on their wedding anniversaries. . . . Our well-fed Order Processing Department enjoyed another wienie roast this month at Manchaug Lake. . . . We welcome Orrin Austin back from his vacation at York Beach. Something new has been added, or subtracted. Orrin has a new crush cut! . . . A very pleasant association came to an end this month when Ann Gleason left the office. We wish her well in the future, and the best of luck in her new job! . . . Sylvia Simonian of the billing section has replaced Ann Gleason. . . . We had to pull the shades in the office recently when the sun kept hitting the new diamond being worn by Carol Davidson! Carol is engaged to Donald Corron of Research Department.

Janet Noble was married to Robert Crossland, Engineering Department, on June 25 in the Episcopal Church in Whitinsville.

Patricia Starr was married to Roy Gaddas, Engineering Department, on July 2 in Saint Francis de Sales Church, in Herkimer, New York.

2nd Lt. Harold L. Gilmore and Miss Mary Frieswyk were married at the United Presbyterian Church on June 4, 1955. The couple expect to live in Japan for a while

Dorothy McCabe, Machine Accounting, was married to Salvatore Fazzio of Woonsocket at St. Augustine's Church, Millville, on September 3.

Jane Spratt of Production Department was married to James F. Coyle in St. Patrick's Church July 23.

Alyre Richard and Joan Bonoyer were married on August 27 at St. Patrick's Church, Whitinsville at 9:00 a.m.

Dino J. Vetri, wood pattern apprentice, formerly of Department 432, was married to Dorothy Zanella of Woonsocket on Saturday, August 20, 1955 at St. Anthony's Church in Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

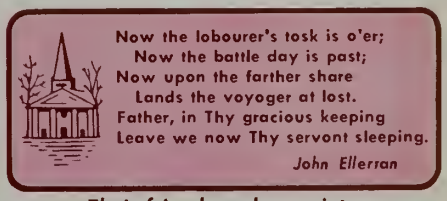
To James Connors and Mrs. Connors, a daughter.

To Kurken Garabedian, Methods, and Mrs. Garabedian, the former Alice Varteresian of Production, a son, weight 5 pounds and 13 ounces, on August 10.

To Robert DiSalvo of Timekeeping, Department 448, and Mrs. DiSalvo, a daughter on July 27. Lisa May weighed 7 pounds and 15 ounces.

To George Mills of the Tool Job and Margaret, timekeeper on 433, a daughter, Susan Jean, born July 27, weight 8 pounds and 3 ounces.

To Robert Halacy of 454 night shift, a son, Thomas Edward, born July 23, weight 8 pounds and 9 ounces.



Their friends and associates extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved

Sikke and John Visbeck on the death of their mother.

Lionel Henault upon the death of his father.

Family and friends of Alfred Peterson, 69, of 90 North Main Street, Uxbridge, who died on August 9. He was a retired inspector of the Whitin Machine Works who was born in Oslo, Norway, and had lived in the United States for 49 years.

Relatives and friends of Fred A. Bousquet, 72, of 51 Cross Street, Whitinsville, who died at Whitinsville Hospital on August 6. Formerly foreman of the Planer Job, he was, prior to his retirement a Whitin employee for over fifty years.

Howard Cook of Machine Accounting on the death of his mother in Leominster, July 18.

William Werth on the death of his mother on July 24, 1955.

Roland Farrar on the death of his mother.

William Merriam on the death of his mother.

First Capitalist Began Man's Progress

THE first capitalist lived about one million years ago. Primitive though he was, he had an inkling of the greatest economic truth there is. Which is that in order to have more and better things tomorrow, we must use some of today's time, energy and materials for the means of producing them. We must *save*.

Our prehistoric man, who began the tremendous creative process of capital investment, first had to resist the temptation to devour immediately *all* the meat he had killed. This meat—his savings—he hung to sun-dry by the mouth of his cave. So, he was able to take time out from his regular business of hunting food. He invested this time in an idea—a crude spear tipped with reindeer horn.

WITH his spear, the Stone Age capitalist far outdid his fellows in killing game. As a food-producing implement, the spear was capital equipment just as truly as a steel mill is capital equipment. In 1955 the pattern is the same. We save, and invest our savings in factories, tools and processes that create jobs and goods for our tomorrows.

Some people today say capital growth will take care of itself, automatically. They claim that "purchasing power" and consumption of goods are the only important makings of prosperity. It is not too far-fetched to liken members of this school of thought to cavemen who neglected to make spears for themselves, even when they had seen the results.

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Familiar Faces

Around the Plant

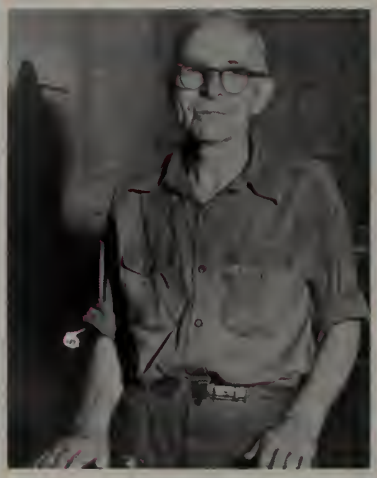
Albert Bouchard, of Department 437, has been with Whitin since February 6, 1919. Albert and Aurore have one son and they live in Whitinsville. Al is a Braves fan

James Martin, a Whitin employee since 1922 repairs parts in Department 438. Jim an Mrs. Martin live in Whitinsville and have son as well as two grandchildren

Brenda Cook, Production Clerk in Department 465, began work here in December 1939. She lives at 19 Linwood Avenue, Whitinsville. Her hobby is pastry cooking

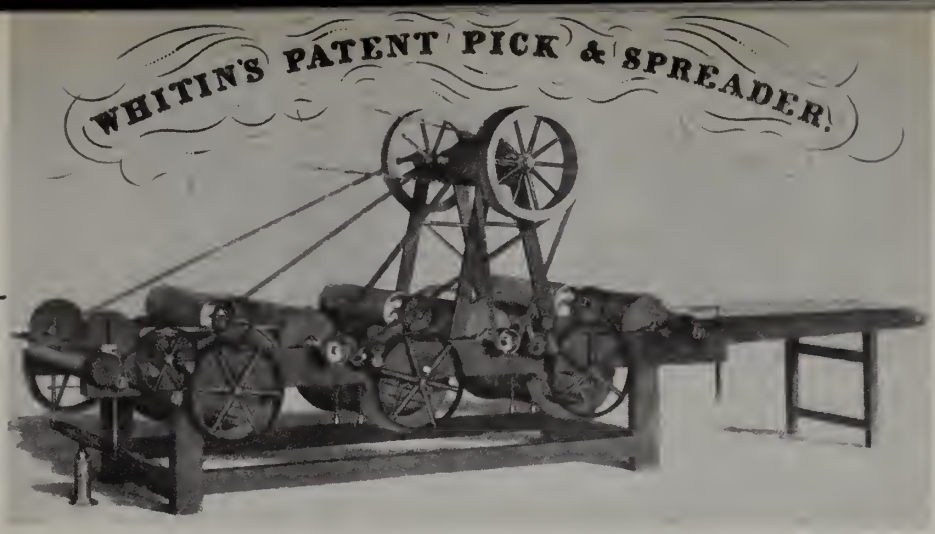
Phyllis McQuilkin, Clerk-typist in the Budge Department, has been a Whitin employe for seven years. She lives in the town o Fisherville. Her hobby is dancing

James Dorsey, Box Job Stock Clerk, has been a Whitin employee for 32 years. Jim, his wife Mary, and daughter Elinor live in Whitinsville. Jim is a Red Sox fan



Bazil Konvent, who came to the United States from Poland in 1911, is a Straightener on the Roll Job. He is a U.S. Citizen, has a daughter and 4 sons and owns his house

Jean Roy, Flask Carrier in the Foundry, wa born in Canada in 1892. He started a Whitin in 1922 and lives in Linwood. He has five children and seven grandchildre



John C. Whitin's original Picker was the beginning not only of Department 443 but of the entire Whitin Machine Works. For the first twenty years of the Company's history the supremacy of this machine was unchallenged by competitors. Back in 1866 Mr. Whitin, seeking a symbol to represent the origin of the Whitin Machine Works, placed atop the bell tower a weather vane representing the "Patent Pick & Spreader" he first manufactured in 1831. Today that weather vane still shows the direction from which the wind blows

Good Yarn starts with *Opening Machinery*

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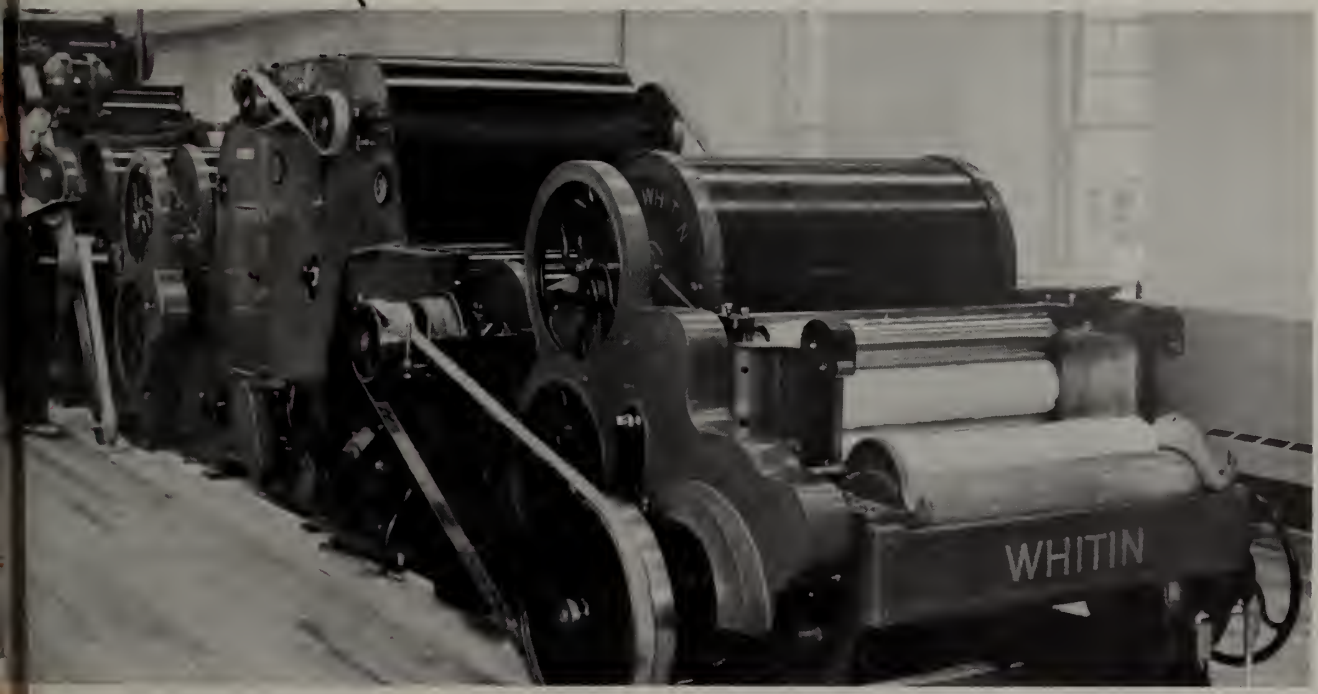


al descendant of that first machine, a Whitin Two-Beater One-Process Picker runs a test in the Research Division. Shown with the machine is John Hapworth

Left: On the Picker Job, as elsewhere in the Plant the skills of older men are passed on to younger men through a training program. On the left Robert Cotnoir, a recent graduate of the Apprentice School, fits the bottom apron driving sprocket of a Blending Feeder while on the right Joseph Borowicz puts a pin apron drive gear in place

Below: Gordon Freitas, left, assembles the feed roll gears on the breaker section of a One-Process Picker while Walter Philbrook puts on a stripping roll weight. When assembly is complete, the Picker will be run for test

Opening Machinery (continued)

THE SKILL of the workmen is an important factor in the construction of each type of Whitin machine, but nowhere is it more important than in the machines erected by the twenty men of Department 443. Fashioned under the guiding hand of Foreman Harold Wright, these are the machines which perform three vital functions: open and clean cotton and further prepare cotton or synthetic fibers for the Card. The quality of yarn produced in a mill depends largely upon the efficiency with which these machines work. For not only does the cotton arrive at the mills in compressed bales but each bale, even after processing at the gin, still contains considerable trash which must be removed before the cotton can be processed into yarn. The cotton when harvested in the fields usually contains dirt, leaves, stems, twigs, seeds, seed hulls, grass, burrs, paper, small bits of metal, stones, and other trash.

The process is further complicated by the fact that the various bales of cotton vary in quality and staple length. The contents of many bales must be blended to insure a uniform product, the matted tufts of cotton must be loosened, the trash removed, and the cotton formed into a lap of uniform yard-to-yard weight ready for carding. To make the process still more interesting,

Left: The most revolutionary development in Opening equipment today is the Whitin Axi-flo, a machine erected in Department 443. Arsene Racicot, left, adjusts an Axi-flo cylinder bearing while Edgar Archambault, right, tightens a deflector

Right: Harmas Dion, left, assembles pulley on the doffer of an Intermediate Feed while Peter Andonian tightens the cover

in the textile industry there is no one best way for all mills but there is a best way for each mill. The machinery required by each mill varies according to the grade of raw material the mill uses and the nature and quality of their final product. If you count each model of each type of machine, over fifty different machines are erected in Department 443.

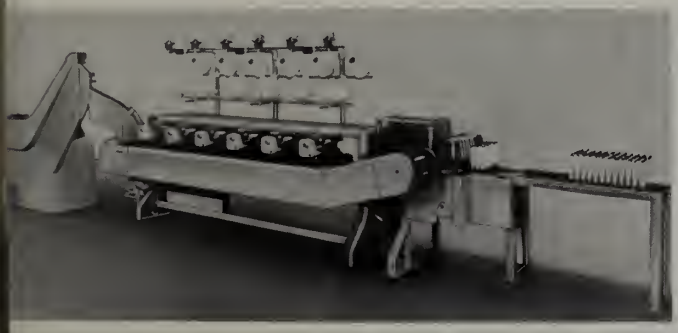
The several machines used in cotton mills for opening, blending and cleaning cotton are usually called the opening line, of which a mill may have from one to four. While every mill uses different arrangements of the machines available, a typical opening line might have 4–6 Blending Feeders with Axi-Feed attachments, 1—Axi-Flo Cleaner, 1—Whitin Cleaner (Downstroke Type), 1—Condenser and 1 Picker.

Blending Feeders open the cotton into small lumps, at the same time blending the contents of 4 to 6 bales. The Axi-Feed breaks cotton into small tufts and takes out a small amount of waste, usually around .5%. The cotton is carried from the Blending Feeders to the Axi-Flo by a Mixing Feed, and between other machines through air ducts. The Axi-Flo removes approximately one-half to two-thirds of the waste embedded in the cotton such as leaves, twigs, stems, etc. The Downstroke, which is a conventional type cleaner, removes an additional fraction of waste. (This machine is not required when high grade cotton is used.) The Condenser collects cotton together at the end of the air duct. The cotton then passes to the Picker. Here more waste is extracted and the stock is formed into a thick blanket which is then rolled under pressure into a lap weighing approximately 50 pounds.

The foreman of on erecting department has to know o lot obout mony mochines in order to supervise efficiently the erection of the mochines we sell. Foreman Harold Wright, wha served his time in the Shop, watches as Arthur Leavitt, center, adjusts the beater and John Stanovich, right, fits a calender roll gear. This is the finisher section of a One-Process Picker

Thus in Department 443 the skill of the workmen is more important than the number of workers employed, a fact appreciated by Foreman Wright who completed his apprenticeship here in July, 1924. A man requires at least three years of training before he can be considered a first class fitter: one who can erect any of the machines. Those who have specialized in a few machines are second class fitters. Working with the Department are painters, inspectors, packers, and a timekeeper.

Whitin Speed-matic Filling Winders



nother machine which is being erected on the Picker floor is the Speedmatic utomatic Filling Bobbin Winder. Shown in this photograph is the first mo-ine Whitin built of this type. This is o high-production machine with a spindle speed of 12,500 revolutions per minute

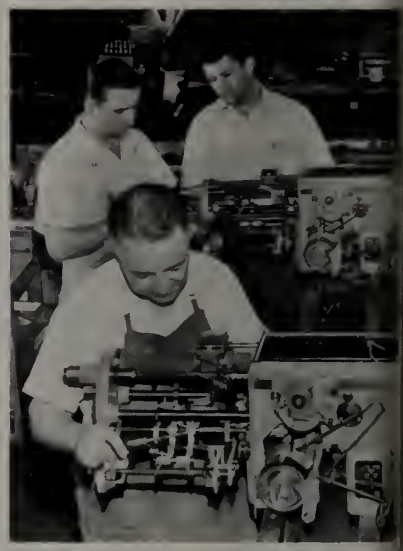
IN ADDITION to the opening, blending and cleaning machines, Speed-matic Filling Winders are also erected in Department 443. The Winder section, headed by Assistant Foreman Duty E. Caswell, Jr., employs eight men and two women. This Winder is one of Whitin's newest machines, with a purpose quite different from that of the opening machines. This machine winds cotton or synthetic filling yarn from a package onto a bobbin which is used in the shuttle of a loom. The Winder is a precision machine built to amazingly close tolerances. It has a spindle speed of 12,500 revolutions per minute. Some of the tolerances are from .0005 to .0002″.

The Speed-matic Filling Winder is not the first machine of this type that Whitin has built. Whitin has been manufacturing Automatic Filling Winders since 1940 when Whitin began the manufacture of Schweiter Winders, previously manufactured by Schweiter Ltd., of Horgen, Switzerland. It was the first fully automatic winder manufactured in the United States.

In November of 1940, with Maurice Terrill as acting foreman and Jacob DeJong as Divisional Superintendent, the first winder was erected in Department 449, located where Department 417 now stands. About the middle

Right: In the Winder Section small parts are subassembled before assembly and testing of the Winder units. Maude Roche, Inspector, watches as Wilfred Bramley, foreground, assembles a pick unit and Mary Whalen, assembles a doffing shaft assembly

Left: A new machine, such as the Whitin Speedmatic Filling Winder, requires careful checking as it goes into production. Samuel Cleland, left, checks the component parts of a Winder main spindle assembly with Oscar Asadourian, center, stock crib attendant. Cyril Landry, right, removes a small burr from a part prior to assembly



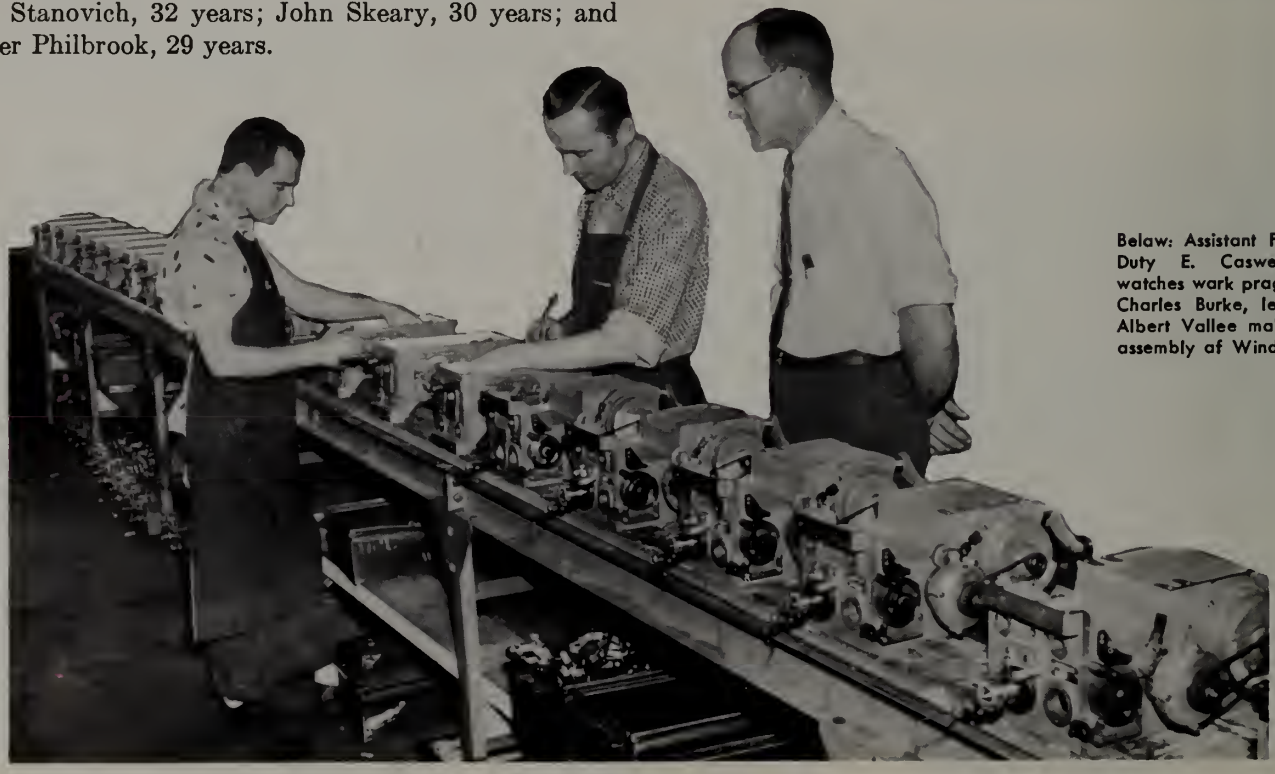
Right: Each Winder unit receives both a functional test and a final test. George Cotnoir, foreground, Stanley Stefanick, left rear, and Supervisor Robert Crateau adjust Winder units during the functional test

Speed-matic Winder (continued)

of 1941, Leon Barnes became foreman of the Job with Oliver Baker as his assistant. On July 13, 1943, Leon moved to the foremanship of Department 417 and Oliver became the foreman of 449. His assistant was Duty E. Caswell, Jr.

Production of the Whitin Schweiter Automatic Filling Bobbin Winder began as 25 units a week, and built up to 175 units a week. At its peak the job employed about 80 persons and during the years in Whitinsville this department manufactured 54,218 units. In May of 1952 the Job was moved to the Charlotte Plant.

The senior employees in Department 443 are: Samual Cleland, 49 years; Arthur Leavitt, 41 years; Arsene Racicot, 39 years; Foreman Harold Wright, 35 years; John Stanovich, 32 years; John Skeary, 30 years; and Walter Philbrook, 29 years.



Below: Assistant Foreman Duty E. Caswell, Jr., watches work progress as Charles Burke, left, and Albert Vallee make final assembly of Winder units

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TIMING FOR PRODUCTION

In the old days stakes for circus tents were driven by hand. A group of men, standing around a stake, would swing sledge hammers so they struck the stake one after the other. These well-timed blows drove the stake quickly and safely.

On many jobs, timing is important. It may be feeding material into a machine at just the right moment; or closing a valve; or changing a speed; or doing your part of a teamwork job so it gets the best results for everyone in the group.

The right action at the right time! That is one secret of sound production and satisfaction on the job.

FRONT COVER: On a sunny September afternoon, comely Carol McCrea enjoys water skiing on the Meadow Pond. Carol has been swimming year round since the age of five years. She spends her leisure during the spring, summer, and fall on local lakes and during the winter in the Whitin Gymnasium Pool. Carol lives at 268 Main Street, Whitinsville and is employed in the Repair Sales Department.

Whitin Personality

THERE are some people who like to spend their lives in their home town; there are others who like to see the world. Joseph E. Branigan, who heads up the motor drive section of the Engineering Department, manages to do both.

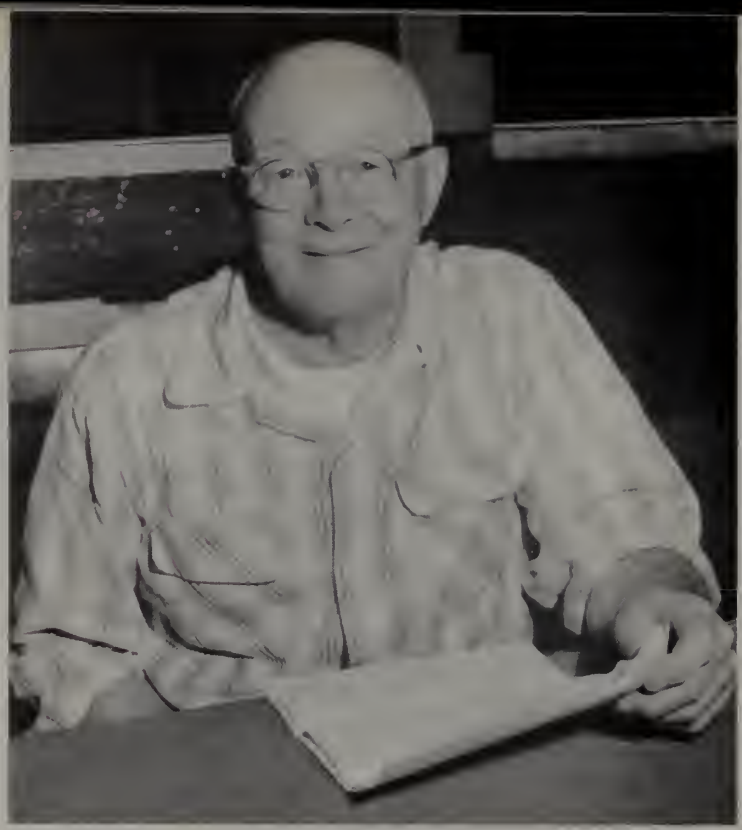
Joe lives in Uxbridge, the town where he was born on May 29, 1897. He and his father, 89-year old John H. Branigan, share an eight-room house which, surrounded by lawns and flowers, stands on a wooded knoll.

Joe, who was sports-minded, had an active youth. Prior to his graduation in 1915, he played left field for the Uxbridge High baseball team and managed a high school basketball team which were the champions of southern New England. He hunted and fished and belonged to sports clubs.

After graduation from high school, he attended Worcester Boys Trade School and later took courses at the Rhode Island School of Design. He worked first for the Peterson Engineering Company of Worcester, then for Draper Corporation, and began at Whitin on February 1, 1924. During these years he served his town and townspeople: for 32 years a member of the Fire Department, for 20 years a member of the Welfare Department, for 20 years a member of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, a charter member of the Blackstone Valley Forest Wardens Association, and a corporator of the Uxbridge Savings Bank.

Yet during the same years he has travelled widely, touring the country from Maine to California, visiting Mexico, Bermuda, and the Bahamas. Whenever possible, he travels by air. His camera is his constant companion. As a result of these trips, he has a library of over 1500 selected color slides and a good stamp collection.

But when he is not busy at work at the plant, busy travelling, busy with his civic duties, or busy about his home, he visits his married daughter, Stella M. Britt of Uxbridge, and his three granddaughters and two grandsons. In any remaining time, he upholds the merits of the Red Sox and Ted Williams. Joe has a full, worthwhile, and interesting life.



William Baszner
Over 45 pints

President Winford "Sally" Jones
Over 50 pints

They Stand Ready to Serve

For the man who sheds his blood for his countrymen in time of war, there are medals and monuments. But at any time those who give their blood to save the lives of the badly injured or ill, receive no formal awards or recognition. Any of the 254 members of the Whitinsville Blood Donors Club may receive a sudden call that somebody needs his type of blood, and needs it so badly that a life is at stake. No matter whether it is day or night, workday or holiday, whether friend, acquaintance or total stranger, the member hastens to the hospital, ready to serve a human being in need.

Dr. Bancroft Wheeler, a leading Worcester surgeon, says ". . . a wonderful organization. From my experience and from that of other members of The Memorial Hospital staff, I know that many patients live or make more rapid recoveries because of blood given by this group. The benefit to this area is beyond calculation."

Dr. Joseph O'Connor, noted Worcester obstetrician, states ". . . whether from Whitinsville or not, whenever a patient of mine has needed blood, it was given generously by the Whitinsville Club. This service has helped save many lives."

Since the Blood Donors Club was organized in April of 1940, there have been but two meetings and but one president. The president is Winford "Sally" Jones, beloved and respected foreman of the Pattern Loft. During the years, well over 5000 pints have flowed from the veins of donors into the veins of those who must have it to regain their health.

Blood in its unprocessed state is worth $25 a pint. Processing it—typing it, checking to see if it carries disease germs, and cross-matching to see if it is compatible with the blood of the recipient—adds another $10 to its value. A retired Whitin employee recently received seventy pints of blood. For such persons blood is life itself!

Some may wonder why the blood donors are so im-

Thomas Postma
Over 40 pints

George Jones
Over 40 pints

James Allen
Over 40 pints

Ralph Houghton
Over 35 pints

Alphonse Gosselin
Over 35 pints

Arthur Broadhurst
Over 35 pints

portant, for today other agencies, such as the Red Cross, collect and bank blood. Blood is perishable—it may be stored only for a period of eighteen days and then must be used as plasma.

Not all blood is the same. Blood is of four types, AB, A, B, and O. Each of these types may be either RH positive or negative. In certain cases, for example, only the blood of an AB negative type may be used. In another case, perhaps the blood of a B positive type is required. Some types of blood are extremely rare, and each donor may give only once in every three-month period. The men and women of the Blood Donors Club are a walking reservoir, or bank, of blood.

Whitinsville uses all the blood that the Club can donate and more. At times the Club's account with various hospitals has been overdrawn by as much as a hundred pints. However, the members have always managed to pay it up. In times of emergency the Club has received uncounted pints from the Red Cross and has repaid by furnishing a few pints of rare type bloods.

The resulting good has spread over and beyond Whitinsville and the Whitin Machine Works employees. A man who was dying in a small hospital five hundred miles away is alive today because a rare AB negative donor was driven at high speed to save him. A severely injured Uxbridge man is alive because of many donations of a common type blood; a Franklin High School girl lives because the Club gave its only four pints of AB negative blood; a Blackstone housewife, who would have died in another hour, lives because a single pint

of B negative blood was given in the early hours of the morning. Emergencies come at any hour. Sally's records indicate that blood has at some time over the years, been donated at every fifteen-minute interval of the day and night.

You too can help. If you have in your possession a blood type identification card, look at it. Men and women of every type are needed, but the need for persons with negative type blood, especially of types AB and B, is intense. Such persons are urgently requested to get in touch with Sally Jones, who could use at least another hundred donors today.

As blood donors reach the age of sixty years, they must be dropped from the list of active donors. They must be replaced by younger, healthy men and women. Human blood is human blood—race is of no importance.

You won't get any medals or any money when you give blood but while you are away from your work Whitin Machine Works will continue to pay your wages.

Thomas Wallace
Over 30 pints

Donald Crosby
Over 30 pints

Charles Malkasian
Over 30 pints

Your satisfaction must come from knowing that because of you a man may live to rejoin his family; because of you a mother may live to give her children the care and affection they need; because of you a boy or girl may continue to enjoy a normal, happy, life. IS THERE A GREATER REWARD?

ROSTER OF WHITINSVILLE BLOOD DONORS CLUB

Active Members: Raymond Achorn, Jr., Guy Akers, James Allen, Arthur Alex, Leo Asadoorian, George Aspinwall, Armand Auclair, Russell Bailey, Burton Baird, Wilbur Baird, Richard Baker, Oliver Baker, Vassel Bakker, William Baker, Edward Baldwin, Leon Barnes, William Baszner, Evans Bedigian, Antoine Belval, Arthur Belval, Roland Benoit, Leslie Benton, Raymond Beria, Robert Bethel, Clarence Bisson, Theodore Bisson, George Blakesly, Raymond Blanchard, Arthur Bokoski, Richard Bosma, Sr., Leonard Bosquet, Almanzor Bouche, Joan Bouley, Leo Bouley, Girard Bouvier, Reginald Bratt, Arthur Broadhurst, Ernest Brochu, James Brosnahan, Bradley Brown, Mrs. Harry Brown, David Buma, Herman Buma, Louis Burns, Wayne Burroughs, Louis Buxton.

Daniel Cahill, Warren Campbell, Anthony Campo, Jr., Curtis Carr, Douglas Carr, Rosette Cassista, Joseph Cenedella, Hector Chase, Hector Chausse, James Colton, Charles Commons, Theodore Cormier, Armand Cournoyer, Victor Couture, Henry Crawford, Donald Crosby, Dick Cunningham, Adam Davidson, George Deeks, Frank DeHaas, Frank DeJong, Walter Departie, Norman Deragon, Sara DerSarkisian, Edward Desjourdy, Harvey Deslauriers, Valmore Deslauriers, Dermott Devlin, Paul Devlin, Mrs. Paul Devlin, Annie DeYoung, Philip Dion, Roland Dion, Gordon Doerr, Harry Drinkwater, Robert Dunford, George Dykstra.

Cornelius Ebbeling, John Ebbeling, Robert Ebbeling, James Ferguson, John Fitzgerald, Ted Flagg, Jr., Everett Forsythe, George Forsythe, Walter Frieswick, Chester Frieswyk, Raymond Fullerton, William Galleshaw, Leopaul Gamelin, Fred Garcelon, Donald Gauthier, John Gauthier, Margaret Gendron, John Gilchrist, Louis Gilroy, Richard Gjeltema, Rudolph Gniadek, Oscar Godding, Robert Gonynor, Alphonse Gosselin, Alfred Goulet, Albert Gregoire.

William Hall, Vaughn Harding, Ernest Hartshorn, Herbert Henderson, Joseph Hetherington, Robert Hoisington, Ralph Houghton, Armand Houle, Michael Hyland, Mrs. Clara Hyland, Carl Johnson, Eino Johnson, Everett Johnston, George Jones, Albert John, Francis Joslin, Barrett Judson, Norman Jussaume, William Kidd, Edward Kilcline, Ernest Kooistra, Henry Korliss, John Kortecamp, Ernest Kroll, Joseph Larochelle, Richard Lachapelle, Irving Larsen, Philip Larsen, Jr., Alex Lavallee, Leo Laverdiere, Arthur Lemire, Ernest Lemire, Irving Lightbown, James Logan, David Longmuir, Eugene Lussier, William Lussier, Llewellyn Lyman.

Eugene McClure, Joseph McCrea, Bruce McMann, Francis Mackowiak, William Magee, Andrew Magill, Mary Mahoney, James Malcus, Charles Malkasian, Roscoe Marker, Frederick Marshall, Frank Martin, Gene Mashey, Arthur Massey, Thomas Melia, James Menard, Harmon Miedema, Sidney Miedema, Thaddeus Minior, Azad Misarkian, Raymond Mooradian, George Morandy, Rocco Morelli, Gerald Mousette, Stacia Mucha, Donald Nelson, Edward Nuttall, William Nuttall, Viotto Oby, Philip O'Grady, Barbara Brown Pendergast, Dean Perkins, Roland Picard, Edward Plante, Mrs. Edward Poddles, David Poole, Thomas Postma, Dorin Roy Potty, Raoul Poulin, Henry Prew, Edward Prior, Joseph Prior, James Proulx.

Edward Rabitor, Edward Rainville, John Rauth, Carl Reid, Patricia Remillard, Mrs. Shirley Rice, Armand Roberts, Kenneth Robinson, Frank Rondeau, Frederick Rondeau, Eugene Roy, Ra

Edward Kilcline
Over 30 pints

Vassel Bakker
Over 30 pints

Andrew Magill
Over 30 pints

James Fergusan
Over 30 pints

Mrs. Harry Brawn
Over 20 pints

Miss Sara DerSarkisian
Over 15 pints

chael Roy, Raymond Roy, Harvey Royer, Wilfred SanSouci, Gerben Schotanus, Hessel Schotanus, Peter Schotanus, William Schotanus, Edgar Scott, Robert Shaw, Earle Simmons, Bernard Skillen, Philip Skillen, Robert Spence, Kenneth Stanley, Norman Stanley, Marilyn Nuttall Stewart, Robert Stewart, Louis Stimpson, Walter Szerlag, Frederiek Tattersall, Vera Taylor, William Taylor, Romeo Tellier, Joseph Thompson, Raymond Tibeau, Oscar Turgeon.

Ovila Vallee, Alice Vanderbaan, Richard Vanderbaan, James Vanderbaan, James Vanderzee, Claus Van Dyke, Francis Veau, Cornelius Visbeek, Howard Walker, Robert Walker, Newell Wallace, Thomas Wallace, Clinton White, Donald White, Leonard White, Stuart White, Jacob Wiersma, Louis Wiersma, Simon Wiersma, Owen Williams, Theodore Wolger, John Wright, Valmore Yarzeau, Herman Youngsma, Harold Youngsma, Richard Zabelle.

Former Members Now Inactive: Harold Andrews, James Ashworth, Herbert Barnes, Antranig Barsamian, George Bedigian, Joseph Berry, Louise Blair, Leverett Blanchard, Walter Blanchette, Robert Bosworth, George Burgess, Perley Chesley, Alexander Clark, Ralph Connor, John Cosgrove, Sr., John Davidson, Fred Dexter, Milton Dion, James Eastwood, Robert English, Oscar Erickson, Rene Ethier, James Gellatly, Joseph Godbout, Edward Gouin, James Gusney, Helen Horne, Arlan Inman, Winford Jones, Harold Kane, Roland Laliberty, Alfred Leseoe, Frank Lightbown, Leo Lussier, Victor Lussier.

Patrick McCudden, Patriek McGovern, James McGuigan, Robert McKee, John Mahoney, Samuel Menard, Joseph Mousette, Peter Nash, John Parsons, Richard Peck, Lewis Pelletier, George Rae, Ernest Ramsey, James Rogers, William Roy, Joseph Sampson, Raymond Schotanus, Joseph Scott, Bernard Shaw, James Sheldon, William Spencer, Ralph Stinson, Alphonse Sunn, Alfred Sutcliffe, Harold Tatro, William Thompson, Louis Veau, John Wiersma, George Williamson, H. O. Youngsma.

Former Members Now Deceased: Albert Ames, James Connor, Royal Jefferson, Andrew Keyes, Alfred Seagraves.

If you are a member or have ever been a member of the Whitinsville Blood Donors Club and your name is not listed above, please contact Sally Jones in order that the records may be brought up-to-date.

At the close of the Little League season more than 100 boys attended a cook-out at Vail Field where they enjoyed good food and a sports program. This group come early

Right: To the victors belong the prizes—clothing certificates good for purchases at local stores. Kenneth Arakelian hits the tape to win the 100 yard dash for 13-year olds

Baseball Leagues Show Marked Improvement

By James Brosnahan

To close our baseball talks for this year we must first offer our congratulations to the Intermediate League Cubs who were so ably managed by Bill Prior in both the scheduled league games and the play-off championships. Next to be congratulated are Lou Lyman's Little League Braves, winners of the second half of league play and conquerors of Ernie Bonoyer's first half winning Cubs in the Little League play-offs. Henry Rivet and Ernie Bonoyer rate much praise for the very excellent job they did with the Little League All-Stars in the National play-offs.

Above: The tug-of-war is almost as American a game as baseball itself. Heaving on a rope developed both muscles and appetites

Healthful exercise, fun, and food—the story of American boys in capsule form

This has been one of our better seasons base-ballically speaking in both leagues but, especially in the Intermediate League. Graced with the best balance between teams we've ever had this league's 1955 contestants gave us the best ball we've had in our three years of existence.

The Cubs geared high with an exceptional infield (from whom we expect great things in next season's high school campaign) were always pressed by both the Phillies and the Braves. They received surprisingly rough treatment from the hard luck Browns who suddenly came alive at the season's end. However, the Cubs were able to compose themselves and sweep a double header to take the play-off championship.

In the Little League the Cubs eked out a first half win in the closest race the league has ever seen. But, before the second half was two weeks old the power of the Braves took over and ran away with things. The Braves swept all before them in clinching the second half and cake walking through the play-offs. This Club was carried to a great extent on the ability of Dicky Feen who, before he wound up his Little League career, had collected more individual honors than any previous little leaguer.

Credit-wise, we were not able to complete our plans for a Blackstone Valley Junior League (of intermediate league ages). We hope to do much work on that venture this winter and perchance by next summer that dream may be a reality. If so, we're keeping step—development-wise—for one must constantly strive to improve any project. This step, if it can be attained, will be a stepping stone to bringing baseball back in the Valley.

KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

by Thomas Frieswyk

It's a little late, but we'd like to congratulate Fred Keene on his graduation from the Apprentice School on June 20. His graduation present of the afternoon "off" didn't turn out too well as Fred had to hitch a ride home to Bellingham. Most of the distance was covered by foot and he arrived home only a few minutes ahead of his usual arrival time. . . . Early this summer, Henry Nydam's wife went shopping for sport shirts and socks for him. She picked out attractive designs with lots of eye-appeal. Henry's only complaint is that she forgot to check on the sizes. Oh well, his father-in-law appreciated them, and they just fit!!! Is there a conspiracy there, Henry? . . . Joe Novack has been bragging about collecting all the prizes for catching a 16-lb. haddock on a fishing trip. Joe may have collected the prizes, but we think the fish was taken from his son Dicky's line.

Our vacation notes provide our most interesting news this month. . . . Bill Kelley is our long-distance champ with a flight to San Diego, California, for a visit with his son and his family. It was Bill's first flight, and he reports that he thoroughly enjoyed the trip as well as the visit. . . . Warren Bailey traveled out to Elkart Lake, Wisconsin, for a reunion with his buddies from the 381st Air Service Squadron. Hail, hail, the gang wasn't all there, but those who did attend certainly had a good time! . . . Wilfred Courteau and his family divided their vacation time between Presque Isle, Maine and Cape Cod. We're glad "Connie" didn't disrupt their vacation the way "Carol" did last year. . . . Paul Hooyenga's trip took him and his family to New York City, Lake George, Montreal, Quebec City, St. Anne de Beaupre, Maine and the White Mountains. Paul emphasized that his whole family enjoyed the 1300-mile trip, so we'll make special note of it. . . . Roger St. Pierre's only comment on his vacation was that he spent three days on Cape Cod. We suspect that he had a better time than those few words indicate. . . . As usual, Captain Jim Daubney spent most of his vacation cruising around Narragansett Bay on his "yacht." Jim's a fine sailor, but Eddie Postma and Tom Mateer wish he would find some spots where the fish would at least nibble at their hooks. . . . Most all vacations are spent on fun and frolic, but Fern Coombs spent most of her time in classes and lectures at the Christian World Mission Conference at Silver Bay, Lake George, N. Y. As a delegate from the Methodist Church, Fern brought back much information and materials for use in the church's missionary program. . . . Most of our other vacationers have spent their time in "catching up" on sleep, outside work and other worthwhile activities. Everyone has his own ideas on how to spend his free time, and we're glad everyone has enjoyed their two weeks. . . . As our vacations are staggered here in the Electrical Department, we will still have vacation news to report for the next few months to come.

MILLING JOB

by Harry Ludvigson

For our personality of the month, we choose Benoit L. Briere, who may generally be found diligently at work on the corner vertical miller near our time clock. Ben, as he is known to most of us, has been with us since September, 1946. After his marriage to Marie Fournier of Mansfield, R. I., he began planning a home for his family. After drawing up plans for the house with the assistance of Henry LeDuc, a former employee, he started building in 1951. He did practically all of the work by himself and he is today the proud owner of a nice bungalow located on Spring Street in Cumberland Hill, R. I. He now lives there with his wife and three children—Dennis, Raymond, and Dianne. He is a great baseball fan in general and a Red Sox fan in particular. He spends a great deal of his spare moments following the fortunes of the Boston team on radio or television. Sometimes he is compelled to leave in a hurry when a fire occurs, as he is a volunteer with the Cumberland Hill fire department. Ben served with the Air Force in Europe during World War II.

The Rock Garden in Medway was the scene of a stag party on Thursday, August 25. It was given for Joseph Popek, Jr., son of Joseph Popek of our department, in honor of his marriage, on September 3, to Virginia Dias of 31 Moody Street, Uxbridge. A large number from our department were present. Mr. Eugene P. Gibbons of Millville was master of ceremonies and presented Mr. Popek with a purse of money. The shuffleboard contest held after the dinner turned out to be no contest at all as Albert Topjian, an expert at this game, won everything "going away."

Cecile Berry from 428, Mary Whalen from 443, Rose Gigarjian from 428 and Rita Skinyon from 443 are back with us and we are all happy to see them. Cecile is now working as an inspector. Mary and Rita and Rose work on the drills. . . . Richard Marshall lost his car and other valuables stored in the garage which was destroyed by a fire on August 17 at his home on St. James Court, Whitinsville.

Birthday greetings to Norman Sutherland, Sidney Vandersea, Olin Towle, Paul Dufresne, Frank Rutana, William Taylor, Matthew Zywien, Ernest Racicot, and Victor Lussier. . . . James Daley, our timekeeper on the second shift, is back at work after 12 days spent at Memorial Hospital, Worcester, recuperating from surgery. . . . Most of the employees in our department are thankful to have escaped the suffering and damage caused by the flood we experienced in August, but at the same time we feel sorry for the many friends and neighbors who were not so fortunate.

When Peter Scott recently retired from the Gear Job, after sixteen years of continuous service, he received a purse from his associates. Peter now lives in a trailer on Davis Street, East Douglas, and spends his spare time fishing. He recently caught a five pound bass in the Arcade Pond

The home of Lawrence Southwick, at 38 St. Paul Street in Blackstone was inundated by 18 inches of water and he will have to replace many of the furnishings which were destroyed. While Larry spent his nights sleeping in his Nash, his three children stayed at the home of their grandmother on Church Street in Woonsocket. . . . Russell Palmer had bad luck with his new lawn, having sown the grass seed for it just a week before the heavy rains. Cheer up, Russ, and try again. If all those seeds come up in the woods out back you will have the most verdant woodland on your street.

STEEL FABRICATION AND CUT-OFF JOBS

by Maurice P. Valois

Steel Fabrication's personality for this month is Paul H. Grenier, Sr., of North Grosvenordale, Connecticut. Paul was born in that town on June 30, 1928, the son of Bernier and Antoinette (Remillard) Grenier. He attended St. Joseph's School in North Grosvenordale and graduated in 1944. During the summer of 1944 he started at Cluett and Peabody Inc., better known to all as the makers of the famous Arrow Shirts. His duties were that of welder and maintenance man for the entire plant, which at one time employed over 1100 people.

During his evenings, Paul attended classes at Putnam Tech., which was considerably damaged during the recent floods. His night courses included aircraft engineering and machinist training, but Paul decided welding was his trade. So last March, 432 was happy to welcome him. He has over eleven years of welding experience.

Geraldine Blouin of Webster, Mass., became his "Mrs." on July 15, 1950, at St. Mary's Church in Webster. Two children finish the family picture. The oldest, Jacqueline, is age 4 and Paul, Jr., is age 15 months.

Paul's hobby is auto-repairing. Although he had taken up trumpet-playing earlier, he has never returned to that musical career. When you see a red and ivory '55 Willys flash by, you'll know it's our Paul. His ambition is to increase his welding knowledge.

We like to see and chat with Alice Warren, efficient clerk in Stockroom 26. Her brief visits to this area are a real boost to the morale. Alice is quite a fire-fighter—ask her about it! . . . Introducing (Mrs. —a pity!) Anna S. Benson, formerly of Bath, Maine, now of Linwood. Ann started on 410 some weeks ago as clerk for Harold Kelliher. Mrs. Benson was born in Bath, Maine—(no date available at press time) and on November 11, 1937, married Donald H. Benson, also of Bath. Donald A., age 14 years, completes the family. The Bensons are newcomers to Linwood and Mr. Benson is also a WMW employee. Ann enjoys playing cards, and she is a super-jet at bowling (attention Production office teams). She drives a '51 Mercury.

Talk about class! On Harold Kelliher's last birthday, his 39th (his phone number is 6502 in case you want to check that), June Boisvert, Irene Mombourquette and Ann Benson of 410 really whooped it up with a birthday party during lunch hour. Ice cream, soft drinks, and a huge cake with 39 candles climaxed the hour. . . . Also at Irene Mombourquette's home in Fisherville, another birthday party took place, a double-birthday affair, honoring 14-year-old Joan and 11-year-old Charles, the lovely children of the Mombourquettes. . . . Ernest "Money-Bag" Lemire is sporting a new Plymouth. . . . Wedding anniversary congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Aspinwall, their 31st. . . . Birthday greetings to Edward Vadenais, Jr., Joseph Beauchemin and Francis Finn. . . . See you later.

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

by Marcel Turgeon

Personality: Henri Laflamme, who was born in St. Damien, P.Q., Canada in January, 1901, came to Linwood, Mass., in November, 1919, and started to work here a few days later. He began in the Foundry where he remained for three years, then was transferred to the packing job. Henri is married and owns his house on Church Street in Linwood. His favorite pastimes include gardening and fishing.

Anyone interested in art will be happy to learn that classes began October 6 at the Whitin Gym and will be held hereafter every Thursday evening from 7 to 9. Fred Demars is the instructor. It's not too late to sign up and have fun. . . . Roland Dunn motored to Boston to see a double header. He enjoyed himself but was tired of sitting. . . . Roland has been raving about the bamboo shades on his porch but, after the heavy rains that we had, he was forced to sleep indoors; we hear the "Governor" got drenched. . . . Congratulations to the Department 453 Softball Champions. Department 453 copped their fourth straight championship under manager Jim "Casey" Rice who has proved himself a real "Stengel" in the shop league. . . . Welcome back to Mildred Cook. We also welcome the new members: in the office, Marguerite S. Thayer and Doris M. Thompson; in the freight house, Albert Lefebvre, Marion Klauzinski, Raymond Parenteau, Earl F. Pouliot, Theodore Lacroix, Robert E. Bernard, Joseph A. LaPalme, Sr., Edward J. Danis; in the parcel post section, Alex. J. MacDonald and William Morrissette, Jr. Joseph W. Bourassa and Leo Proulx have joined the night crew. . . . Henry Henault has been appointed night supervisor in place of Stanley Krula who has been transferred to Department 460. Congratulations to John Collins who has received his thirty-year pin. . . . We want to wish best of luck to Barbara McFarlane who has left to accept a position with Lodding Engineering Corp. in Worcester. . . . We are glad to have back with us George Kane, timekeeper, who has been sick. . . . Familiar faces we miss around the department are those of Nancy Britten, Sari Devlin, Alex Potty, and Lionel Henault who have spent a long session on the sick list both in and out of the hospital. . . . Nice to see Rene Guilbert working days after many years on the night shift. . . . Mr. Joseph Conners has purchased a home. We are looking forward to the

Cedric P. "Bill" Libbey resigned as foreman of Department 460 on August 25, 1955, to accept a position at the General Motors Research Center, Detroit, Michigan. The matrons and the members of Department 460 gave Bill a purse. The presentation was made by Mr. P. B. Walker

housewarming. . . . We had a surprise visit from an ex-office clerk in the person of Ed Gorman. He is associated with Akers Motor Line in New York. . . . Golfing season is coming to an end. Some of the boys are taking advantage of the good weather and others have started bowling. Let's hope Department 453 does as well in bowling as they did in softball.

SPINNING SMALL PARTS

by Jake Sohigian

Congratulations to George Ledue on receiving his 30-year pin. We hope he is with us for 30 more years. . . . If anyone has any second-hand alarm clocks for sale, Franny Forsythe is in the market for one.

Foreman Johnny Dufries attended the Red Sox–Yankee night game one Friday and got the thrill of his life. He came near catching the home-run ball off the bat of Ted Williams. He can't forget missing it. Incidentally, the Sox lost that one. . . . Julia Prince's son in the service is stationed at Cherry Point, North Carolina. He really is making a great name for himself in the "Go-Go" Marines. . . . Albert Chaput has been transferred back to Department 414. . . . Wilfred Elie has returned from sick leave.

The recent flood had its funny sides too. George Poulin, getting in late, during height of rainstorm, said "You need pontoons to cross Church Street." . . . Phyliss Maker got her stockings wet, so she hung them inside the degreaser to dry. . . . George Poulin has purchased a 1951 DeSoto convertible. The top will go up, but it is quite a task to get it down. . . . Our inspector, Theresa C., got out of bed and awoke her children at 5 o'clock to get ready for school, only to find out it didn't start till the following Monday. Oh, Oh!!

New faces this month: Nancy Houghton (added to office staff), George Colt, Paul Cotnoir, and apprentice Herbert Balcome. Welcome to all. . . . Norman Sherman is serving with the National Guard for two months.

FOUNDRY

by Joe Guidi

George Harding recently retired from the Foundry after working 30 years for the Whitin Machine Works. George was born in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, on New Year's Day, 1887. He received his education in the Forest Glenn schools in Nova Scotia. Prior to entering Whitin, George worked six years as a lumber scaler for Woodland Pulp Company in Calais, Maine. In 1905, George married the former Beatrice Doucette of Forest Glenn, Nova Scotia. They are the proud parents of six children and grandparents of fourteen children. George lists his hobbies as fishing and gardening. He is especially interested in strawberries and has five to ten thousand plants under cultivation. The best of luck to George from all his Foundry friends.

The Milling Job held a clambake at the Whitin Rod and Gun Club on September 10. Thirty-five members attended the bake which was prepared by Raymond Van Dyke. Peter Nash acted as master of ceremonies

Cowboy Baril has come up with another problem. If you remember, during last year's hurricane season he equipped his chickens with rubber boots. This year eight of his chickens were victims of the flood. He is now seriously considering rubber boots with built-in life preservers. . . . Rumors have it that Art Tessier has tickets for some baseball games. I understand he left for New York on Friday, September 23, and stayed for the week-end series between the Yankees and Red Sox. When asked what team he was pulling for he replied, "I'm not fussy. For whichever one wins." . . . We welcome back D. Malkasian and H. Mekhiterian who were on leave of absence recuperating from operations. Hope they're feeling much better. . . . Shirley Boddie, 15-month old daughter of Teddy Boddie of the Foundry, is recuperating nicely we are happy to report. She has recently been hospitalized with a case of pneumonia. . . . We wish bon voyage and the best of luck to Rene Kemp who recently left the employ of the Whitin Machine Works to join the U. S. Navy. . . . "Chuck" Lachapelle was injured in an automobile accident. . . . We welcome the following new men recently employed by the Foundry: D. Laurence, W. Scurry, A. Sienkiewicz, J. V. Chattman, J. Ferris, R. Turgeon, L. Paille, S. Edmondson, J. Johnson, H. D'Alfonso, R. Parenteau, E. Carrington, R. Robertson, H. Combs, S. Counts, L. Guertin and M. Gagnon.

The Retirement Fund Committee would like, at this time, to express its sincere appreciation to all those who help so greatly to maintain the Retirement Fund. To those who collect and to those who help maintain the records, again we say "thanks."

SPINDLE JOB

by John Visbeck and James Robbins

Here is a little-known fact. We have in our department a man unselfishly donating many of his evening and week-end hours to a job for which he is unpaid and unsung. Yet, for him it is a pleasure for he derives a satisfaction which could not be compensated for by any payment in dollars and cents.

I refer to Howard Boisvert, a devoted leader of the Boy Scouts, who resides in Millville, Mass. This work with the Millville Boy Scouts he has untiringly performed for the past fifteen years. Starting with thirteen boys, the troop has grown in number to twenty-eight. Each boy finds Howard's home open to him at any hour, for Howard is never too busy. If a boy wants to pass a test of any type, Howard will go off with him to the woods or fields and there remain with him for hours if necessary, in order to permit the boy to qualify for another step upward in his scout training. Howard expects to accompany the troop to Camp Yargo for the annual camping trip.

Quite a number of people from our department are sporting new cars, among them are Vera Carr, Anthony Rose, Edward Roukema, and Joseph Galino. . . . There was an anniversary party in honor of Mr. and Mrs. George Hamm on September 3, with about 15 people attending. It was their 16th year of marriage. The party was held in their newly-built home on Highland Street. Elmer Farley provided entertainment with a couple of vocal selections and a soft shoe routine. . . . We all hope to see Joe Peltier back on the job soon. Everyone misses Joe's smiling face. . . . Welcome back to Al Perry who has returned from Department 428. Over in Inspection we have a big chess tournament every noon hour. Prof. Adams and Curly Dixson square away every day, and there is more noise than at a double-header at Ebbetts Field. Bobby Dixson also raises chickens at his farm in Douglas. When he heard of the hurricane coming, he tied road maps around the chickens' necks so that in case they were blown away they would be able to find their way back.

We have a new song bird who entertains the women on the Inspection bench. The voice like Caruso belongs to Stanley Rutana. . . . Catherine Gilroy and Lena McKay spent the Labor Day week-end in New York City. Both agree they had a wonderful time.

When John O'Neil, of the Yard crew, retired on June 30, 1955, after working here since September 30, 1933, he received a purse from his fellow workers Assistant Maintenance Engineer Edwin Davis made the presentation. John, who was born in Newfoundland November 15, 1881, lives at 323 Main Street Blackstone, Mass.

SHEET METAL, PAINT AND CREEL JOBS

by Dorsey Devlin

The Sheet Metal Department members and their wives held their annual fall banquet and get-together at the Colonial Club in Webster on Thursday evening, September 29. The committee, Bobby Campo, Lucien Paulhus and Marco Bolduc, is again to be congratulated on their fine efforts in arranging a wonderful supper and entertainment. Lucien, as usual, was his colorful best as toastmaster and kept the party rolling at all times.

Familiar faces missing on the job because of illness are Assistant Foreman Jim Gibbons, Edmund Brouillette and John Kapolka. We hope to have them all back by the time you read this column. . . . John Straube, Ray Malley, Jr., Henry Martin, Carl Goranson, Hubert Brown and Armand McCollum are all new members of the night shift. Welcome aboard, fellows. . . . "Wha Hoppen" to Ken Greenwood? Ken, a lifetime booster of Oldsmobiles, is suddenly seen sporting around in a new Buick! . . . Abe Twight has returned to work after a prolonged illness, but not to work on the Creel Job. His whereabouts have not yet been made known to this reporter. . . . Eddie Horan and Mrs. Horan celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary on October 16. The occasion called for a week-end trip to Montreal, Canada.

Paint Job Brushoffs: Arthur Chausse is one fan who doesn't care about all the fanfare going on between the Red Sox and Yankee fans. He is strictly an Indian rooter. . . . Frank Rybak can be found in the woods during the autumn week ends, picking mushrooms for his winter eating pleasure. . . . Rudy Roberge is now working in the new paint section which bakes the paint on the new Duplicator machines. . . . George Dykstra and family were recent visitors to the historic spots in Gloucester, Mass. . . . Harold and Mrs. Ingham celebrated their 25th anniversary on October 3 by purchasing their own home. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ross Rajotte celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary on September 15. . . . Frank Gucfa landed six 25-lb. pollock on a deep-sea fishing trip out of Rockport, Mass. . . . Art LaFerriere has proved that "it takes two to tango" with a few of his paint job buddies. On a project over the Labor Day week end, he tangled with a hornet. His antics on the ladder were something to behold.

METAL PATTERNS

by Bill Prior

Assistant Foreman Harry Daubney is on a two-week vacation, whereabouts unknown. . . . Ed Benoit has a new Dodge. . . . Sorry to hear that Francis Spratt's daughter Barbara had an attack of polio. We all wish her a speedy recovery. . . . Yours truly is anxious to get back home after five months out of the house for a remodeling job. Lewis Stimpson of this department did all the tile floor and counter top work. He did a grand job too.

Big topic of discussion on this department this month of September is the old pension plan of the shop. I believe we have the greatest proportional number of any department in the shop. There are questions galore, of course, but the biggest is "How much do I get?"

The flood waters were very kind to everyone up here, with Bob Dion suffering the worst. He pulled through O.K. . . . George Rivest is back at work after a few months' illness.

COMBER JOB

by Terry Merolli

Ray Valente of 424 reports that his son Cosmo has been appointed director of music in Marlboro public schools. Cosmo began as supervisor of vocal music in that city in 1952. Shortly after, he entered the army and served two years. He was supervisor of the band school at Fort Dix, N. J., during his enlistment, and also appeared in several television shows with the band.

We're happy to report that everyone survived the flood with only minor damage. Mike Baiano of Rockdale had to be rescued by boat. In the boat, as part of the rescue crew, was Norm Stanley of 424, a member of the Fire Department. Let's hope that all the hurricanes with cute names travel out to sea. . . . Leo Joanis found a dry pair of socks in his lunch box on that wet morning, so Leo could enjoy a nice lunch with dry feet. How's that for a thoughtful wife?

Butch Surowiec purchased a new home in Woonsocket during the month. . . . Birthday greetings to Norm Stanley, Ray Valente, Arthur Haagsma, Milt Murray and Bob Lariviere. . . . Happy anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Hector Chase on their 22nd, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Zylstra on their 45th, Mr. and Mrs. John Solina on their 7th, and to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lariviere on their 2nd.

The Archie Fourniers have a new arrival at their house. It's a six-weeks old English Setter pup named Pepper. . . . Leo Joanis has a new Chevrolet—1954 model. Glad to see Leo switched over to a good car!!! . . . Ray Valente's tomatoes certainly deserved a blue ribbon, for they were delicious. . . . We're all happy that Andy Hoekstra raised melons this year—they were absolutely the best we've ever tasted

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Fournier and family motored to Maine for the Labor Day week end. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ray Valente spent an enjoyable week end at Cape Cod. . . . We've heard a rumor that "Scooter" Ryan is going into the used-car business. He already has two to his name.

GRINDER JOB

by Betty Ann Feen

Birthday greetings for the month of October are extended to Gus Gauthier, Arthur Berube, Emma Philbrook and Frank Mancini. Best wishes to all of them and may they have many more. . . . Anniversary greetings for the month of October are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Archie Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. William Marcarian, Mr. and Mrs. Normand Proulx, and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Feen, Jr. (their 1st). Many happy returns of the day! . . . The welcome mat is out this month to Constantino Cellere, Herve Fleury, Roger Ledoux, Roland Fontaine, Armand Bonin, Herbert Hammond, Fred Fournier, James Connors, and Jack Kelliher. Welcome boys, and we hope you will have a long and happy stay. Several of these men are on the night shift. Henry Nejadlik has left the day shift to be a group leader nights. . . . Frank Mancini, our planner, is back after spending a week in Southbridge owing to the flood. Frank reports it was quite a sight and we much congratulate him on the terrific job the National Guard did up there. Of course he didn't give us the full report of the 24-hour duty.

FLYER JOB

by A. J. Cencak

The new face on the job is Al Cencak. He will be with us for a short while as part of his apprentice training. . . . Because he had a good view of the dam during the flood, the traffic was like that of Grand Central Station. All Peter Kurek would say to the tourists was, "See the water!" . . . George Plitouke's hand was bitten by a dog. At the last report, the dog is doing well. . . . Malcolm Sweenie is a great salt-water fisherman. A short while ago, Malcolm and three of his buddies went out and got 12 stripers averaging about 4 pounds! I don't know of any market where you can buy fish that big, so Sweenie may have caught them or they may have washed up on shore.

While walking through the flood waters by Arcade Pond, Al Cencak was chasing little fish along the sidewalk. . . . When Peter Kurek is at the pointing machine, he spins the big wheel as if it were the wheel of a yacht. . . . Adrien Cagnon, Henry Harper, Al Lozier, and Malcolm Sweenie make up the department's cribbage teams. Any challengers? . . . Bernard Roddy is a great nature enthusiast. He is interested in anything Mother Nature grows. . . . The musician of the department is Peter Kurek. He likes his polkas. It's a toss up between a clarinet and a violin imitation when he is not singing or whistling. . . . Sam, don't make the pants too long! This time it happened to Archie Ledue. He could always roll the legs up and tell people that the flood waters haven't yet receded at his home. . . . George Plitouke celebrated his 21st wedding anniversary on September 5. His son joined the Navy on September 12.

Judith Ann, George, and Donna M. are the children of George H. Hamm of Department 439

GENERAL MACHINING

by Ken Harrington

We thought that Dowie Fekkes was the only one in our department that wore ski shoes to work, but now we notice that Al Burgess also wears them. Dowie never did tell us what he did with his old pair. . . . Bill Smith is having a paint job done on his car by Pete Babowitch. I hope Pete remembers to paint it the color that Bill told him to.

The boys are back after another of their deep-sea fishing trips. Bill Smith, who ran the party, also was the first prize winner for the largest fish. I was told that the skipper of the boat caught the fish and gave it to Bill. Pete Babowitch was so seasick that he didn't care if there were any fish caught or not. Pete was ready to go home after about fifteen minutes of fishing. . . . *How To Keep From Being Sick* would be a good title for a book by Henry Nelson. Henry never gets sick. . . . Speaking of fishing, John Malley went tuna fishing. He told Leo Mullen he would give him one if he caught any. John caught some, but the 45 lbs. of tuna that was to be for Leo was lost, strayed, or stolen in Uxbridge. . . . This is the month that Art Mikulsky will celebrate his wedding anniversary.

WOOD PATTERNS

by Vera Taylor

We are glad to have Assistant Foreman Alfred Sutcliffe back with us again after a week's stay at the Memorial Hospital. . . . Lawrence Gilmore's social life is beginning to take its toll. Last we heard he was attending weddings at the rate of two a day. . . . Robert Gonynor has been recruiting help among his fellow workers without much success. He needed cement mixers and finally resorted to acquiring a mechanical one. . . . We miss the smiling face of Nelson Bartlett who is spending some time in the Core Room in conjunction with his wood pattern apprentice course. . . . The apprentices are now complicating the timekeeper's job with their school sessions. . . . Happy birthday to Robert Shaw who celebrates in October. We also extend our felicitations to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Buma and to Mr. and Mrs. James Ferguson whose wedding anniversaries fall in October. Best wishes, all.

BOLSTER JOB

by Charles Kheboian

The Bolster Job Baseball Club made its last trip this season when it attended the Red Sox–Cleveland night game. Cleveland won, 3 to 1. We arrived at the game early for a change and saw some batting practice. After the game we went to eat at a diner located on Route 9. I have only one comment about the food—Horrible! If any person wants to know the name of the diner, I would be more than glad to tell him.

Jeff Powers' son Dick, who played for the Northbridge High Championship Team, enlisted in the Air Force and is training at the Sampson Training Station. . . . Leo Bouley's wife Mary should be known as a chef of Armenian dishes. She has been making and sending Armenian foods to us. They have been delicious. Ask Archie Gigarjian—he knows. . . . We are glad to have Clem LaFlash back with us after a long illness. . . . We extend a welcome to newcomer Roger Taschereau. . . . Bob Cochrane made an interesting discovery down at his camp on Hogg Island. Those rough-looking shells he hasn't been paying attention to are oysters! Boy, what a stew they had when Bob found out! In fact Lindsay Harding hired a trailer to go down and get enough for a stew for himself. . . . Attention Veronica Mahoney: Harold Flinton reports that he hit a 315 total in bowling with his brand new bowling shoes on. . . . Many people have asked me who the new person working in the Inspection Department is. He looks like a miniature Burl Ives with his goatee. It is only Walter Turpak, who is growing a beard while his wife is away.

Recognize this boat? It's identified at the end of the Department 437 column

RING JOB

by Robert E. Balcome

Hen's teeth and news have something in common at this writing, although anything can happen by the news deadline. For instance, floods, hurricanes, etc. . . . Herb Smith told of five feet of water in the living room of his house in Blackstone and we complained of ten inches in the cellar. There were probably others, but this was all that came to our attention. . . . We welcome Aram Blanchard, William Heffernan and Mary West to the Ring Job. Mary has been in another department for over a year. . . . Gertrude Boucher is on the sick list at this writing, but is expected back soon. Beryle Doble, who I have reported sick in the past, is back in some other department. . . . Speaking of extended vacations, Everett Gaspar came back to work with a good tan from Dennisport over the Labor Day week end. Margaret Marshall made her trip to Vinal Haven with lots of seasick remedies but I guess they were not needed as the weather was calm.

Wedding anniversaries not too far gone by are still in for congratulations. Carl Johnson and his wife flew to New York to celebrate their 20th anniversary. Joseph Hetherington and his wife, their 20th and Louis Dionne and his wife, their 25th. Their son, Pfc. Gerard Dionne, just returned to Texas after a visit home. He is with the Guided Missile Division of the U. S. Army. May you all have many happy returns. Your reporter's daughter, Jean, has returned to the East Coast to live after eight years on the West Coast. At present she is in Douglas and in the near future will be in New London Naval Area with her two small sons and her lieutenant husband.

Birthday greetings to Ed Morel and Al Blanchette.

Correct answer for the boat pictured above is "Vinal Haven Ferry II."

LINWOOD DIVISION

by Louise Sohigian and Wilbur Baird

The wedding of Miss Jacqueline Mowry, R.N., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nowak of Millville, and Wilfred Wild, U.S.N., of St. Antigo, Wisconsin, took place at 8:30 on Saturday morning, August 20, in Blessed Sacrament Church, Providence. The bride's mother is employed in Department 451. . . . We bid farewell and wish lots of luck to Edward Ledoux who has left us for work elsewhere. . . . Congratulations on the wedding anniversaries of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mousseau and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnson. . . . A birthday candle was lit for Edward Lamontagne. . . . The welcome mat is out for two new members of Department 450. Peter Kravatz, Glendale, R. I., is a married man and the father of a son. Edward H. Jarvis, Jr., Millville, Mass., is a 25-year old bachelor. . . . We also welcome Leo Dufault from Burrillville, R. I. to our inspection staff. He is 18 years old, single, and red-headed. . . . We miss Paul Zemianek but wish him good luck on his transfer to the Main Plant. . . . Belated birthday greetings for July go to Bernard Farrar and Tony Gosselin, and to Tony Campo for August. . . . We welcome back after an 8-week sick leave Foreman Alan Blizard. . . . Harry Malkasian is still out recovering from an operation.

It took hours of labor to build this new house in Uxbridge, and Ed Jones, Department 450, and Mrs. Jones may well be proud of the result

RESEARCH DIVISION

by Bernice Taylor and Dick Benoit

During the Labor Day week end many of us took those last summer trips. Now it is the time to settle down for those long winter months. . . . Happy October birthdays to Ed Perry, Al Meservey and Tom Cody. . . . Anniversary congratulations this month to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Werth, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mooradian, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Chace and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hapworth. . . . The Research Golf Tournament is over, and our congratulations to Leo Tosoonian and Tom Mateer who were winners all the way. . . . Noticed in the parking lot: John Dudley's blue Pontiac and Tom Cody's new black-and-white Olds. Really something to look at. Boniface Banasik has made a change too. This time it's a '49 Buick. . . . Fashion Note: Coke Gigarjian, our electrician, resembles a sunset in that glorious pink shirt. . . . A Labor Day cookout was held at Chick Blakely's home. He and Fran Lash, his neighbor, were the chefs. The piece de resistance was ham. There were over 50 guests, and everyone left singing praises about the excellence of the Bar-B-Q.

Personality of the month: Louis J. Rutana was born in Whitinsville in 1908. He attended the local schools and later entered Worcester Boys' Trade School where he studied to become a machinist. When he first came here to work Louis started in the Drafting Room. From there he went to Apprentice School where he took the course in toolmaking. Then Louis left our employ and did a bit of traveling. He worked at many and varied jobs, including automobile salesman and selling insurance. He entered the Army Air Force in 1942 and was in the European Theater. After his discharge in 1945, he returned to work in WMW. Louis was married in 1947 to Miss Katherine V. Cencak of Douglas. Mr. and Mrs. Rutana live on East Street in this town. Fishing, hunting and baseball are among his interests (he's one of those Yankee Fans). Louis is a very pleasant fellow, has a great many friends, and is a "grand person."

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

by Bill Scanlon

Some of the men in the Garage suffered from the effects of the flood which followed Diane. Worst hit was Pete Prymak, who had to vacate his home at 4:00 a.m. Pete who lives in Southbridge, lost his furniture and much of his clothing. . . . Charlie Commons is taking the second week of his vacation. We hope he has better weather than he had during his first week. Rudy Vallee and family enjoyed the Springfield Fair. . . . Louis Yacino, assigned to pick tacks out of a telephone pole in New Village dug out several buckets full. The tacks had to be removed in order to install a fire alarm. . . Maurice Moran, well-known at local alleys, is active in bowling again this year. . . . Clarence Roy expects good hunting on his estate. He has seen several pheasants. . . . Gordon Milkman has put his sailboat away for the winter to devote his time to music.

About 1920 Richard Crombie (retired), left, George Hetherington, center, and Bill Scanlon, right, posed with friends on Linwood Avenue

TOOL JOB

by George Jones

Flood Notes: Tom Postma had to rake a lot of washed gravel off of his lawn. His hens cackled "Life On The Ocean Waves" as the water ran in one side of the coop and out the other. . . . Phil Skillen, while pumping water out of the Power House, stepped into a hole and went up to his neck in oily water. . . . Alfred Ledoux, die maker, didn't get any flood water in his cellar, so his wife broke a water pipe so as to be in style. . . . Roland Benoit took a so-called vacation to paint his house. On the last day of his vacation he was rushed to Milford Hospital to have his appendix removed. . . . Congratulations to Stanley Misiasczek of the Welding Room on receiving his ten year service pin. . . . Robert Dunford and family have moved from Woonsocket, R. I., to Millville, Mass. . . . Wilfred SanSouci spent the week end of September 10 in the Whitinsville Hospital with an infection in his wrist.

Fred Tredeau, die maker, came to work with his hand pretty well mangled. He explained that a dog had bitten him, but he neglected to tell how, after the dog's owner had dressed his hand, the dog bit him on the leg. Rumors have it that the dog died.

The Tool Job wishes Arthur Bokoski the best of luck on his appointment to the position of supervisory training apprentice. He is now working in the Job Evaluation Office. . . . No news from the night shift outside of the fact that Walter Richardson, who lives in Rhode Island, doesn't like to have people from Massachusetts take quahogs from the R. I. waters. . . . Does the day shift notice how clean the Tool Job is every morning? There is one good reason for it being so clean, and that is Ernest Potty, better known as "Pitou." Pitou lives in Farnumsville with his mother and sister. During the day he drives a new two-tone Chevrolet and has a car-top boat and an outboard motor for pas-

George Jones and "Humphrey" the Taal Jab stock attendant were recently seen on a Rhode Island Beach digging quahogs

times, but at night he can be seen taking away the steel chips or sweeping around a machine or down the alley ways. According to the night shift, he is the most obliging man on the job. Keep up the good work, Pitou.

SPINNING, CARD ERECTING AND POLISHING

by Francis Horan

Good old fall! I speak as an authority when I say that apples are ready. Each weekday evening I leave town at 4:15 in order to pick apples. Some day you are going to see one of the finest orchards around here, where apples will be sold at a fair price. . . . Well, business must be picking up, for there are more demands for Spindles. Many workers have been trans-

Kathy Shaw, daughter of John Parker Shaw, Statements, won first prize in a doll carriage parade at Pascoag, Rhode Island

ferred back to these departments. . . . Jake Haringa reports that, after the flood, brook trout from the private pond above his house were seen on their way to Meadow Pond. . . . Jake Haringa and Angus Parker at this date are still trying to arrange a date for the Home Garden Club annual banquet. With Harry Cornell's help, I am sure something will be arranged. Perhaps Red DeJong should practice on an old Ingersoll before tampering with the works of a 400-day clock shipped to him from Germany. . . . Walter Pieleski, former roadman, has been transferred to 448. . . . Returning to work in these departments: Department 433—Arthur Pellerin, Beryle Doble, and Normand Gagnon; Department 448—Henrick Morro, Robert Shugrue, Charles Wilcox, Milton Verity, and Paul Poulin. . . . Those who celebrated wedding anniversaries in September were: Joe Gauvin, Leo Belville, John Walker, Ernest Pickup, Robert Roy, John Baldyga, Edward Baker, Francis Horan, and Alfred LeBlanc. September birthdays were celebrated by: Ernest Pickup, George Robbins, Walter Oolovgian, Leroy Krumbholz, Alex Wilson, Francis Horan, and Edward Baker.

RECENT PROMOTION

The appointment of Mr. Raymond Fullerton, as foreman of Department 401, was announced by General Superintendent John H. Cunningham on August 2. Formerly assistant foreman, Ray has been a Whitin employee since 1917 and served his time as a pattern maker in the Shop. He was born in Woonsocket, R. I., February 10, 1901, lives at 13 Leland Road, Whitinsville, and takes 8 mm. colored movies as a hobby. His son James T. is serving with the U. S. Navy.

PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

by Marge Newton and Tad Wallace

We are very happy to report that at this writing "Barb" Spratt and "Irv" Lightbown are recovering from attacks of polio. I know that I speak for the many, many friends of both when I say that it is our sincere hope that, before long, they will be fully recovered and be able to resume working again. While checking over the "sick list" we are pleased that Brenda Cook is well and back to work again. . . . Hearty welcomes are in order to Eileen McCann, who will take over the duties of secretary to Mr. Rizer, Stella (Mrs. Bernard) Bentley of Uxbridge, working for Hugh Currie, and to the newcomers to the Master Route Section: Gertrude Wheelden of Saundersville, Judith Anderson of Uxbridge, and Shirley Fourgere of East Douglas. Eileen, a former employee, will succeed Irene Michalik who is going to devote her time to domestic duties. The night shift has added Margaret

In the sunny days of August, Divisional Superintendent Robert Stewart demonstrated his 33-horsepower combination motorboat and bulldozer at Lake Nipmuc. Bob has received numerous comments on his canal-digging technique

Nelson of East Douglas and Muriel Worthington of Uxbridge. We know they will enjoy working in this department and we trust they will find much pleasure in their respective assignments. . . . Yvette LaPointe has recently purchased a car, and this is to advise all commuters from Uxbridge to be on the watch for this Plymouth which is affectionately called "The Green Hornet." We are only kidding of course, for did not some insurance company recently state that in general women drivers are involved in fewer accidents than men, and did I not just start a big argument? . . . Walter Gilchrist proudly reports that his grandchildren now number nine. The latest arrival being a girl born to former expediter "Tom" and Irene (Travaille) Gilchrist.

We are going to add a "Little-known facts about well-known people" section to our column. Our well-known person this month is Blanche Fullerton who has been a Production Department employee since 1948. Blanche, who was employed on the Magneto Job during the last war, was "born and raised down home in Friendship, Maine." We of the Production Department certainly believe that the name of her home town is very typical of Blanche, whose warm and friendly personality is a definite asset to the office. Her parents still reside in Friendship where her father is a lobster fisherman. ("Naturally," says Blanche.) Blanche and her husband John, a Whitinsville native, now live in East Douglas with their four children, Sylvia, Roberta, John, Jr., and Ruth. Besides working and taking care of her home and family, Blanche is still able to pursue the fascinating hobby of ceramics. It is my opinion that, in view of her very busy schedule, Blanche gets a lot more than 24 hours out of a day.

MYSTERY PHOTO—The kilted youngster on the left is Howard Barnett of Department 425. The man on the right, this month's mystery photo, has long been resident in Whitinsville and has long been employed here

PAYROLL COMPUTATION, MACHINE ACCOUNTING, BUDGETS, STATEMENTS AND TIMEKEEPING

by Bob English

Bertha Bernier of Statements had an interesting experience getting home the night of the flood, August 18. Bertha lives in Fisherville. Because of road conditions, she was rerouted and as a result was far short of her goal. Engine Number One of the local Fire Department made one trip through the flood waters past the Fisherville Mills, and in the cab sat Bertha, partially dry but ever so happy to arrive home safely. . . . Kathy Shaw, daughter of John Parker Shaw of Statements was awarded first prize in a girl's doll carriage parade held on Broad Street, Pascoag, in which 28 children of the neighborhood participated.

The Northbridge Police Department is a very efficient organization, particularly when the occupant of a car with only one set of keys locks herself out. Ruth Kellaher of Machine Accounting has taken the necessary precautions by having a second set made so that the long arm of the law will not be pressed into service again. . . . Dot McCabe of Machine Accounting was presented a kitchen clock and glassware at a noon day gathering at Aunt Mary's, August 26. . . . It was necessary to relocate Howard Cook's office to make room for a new collator, sorter, and several card files. The new location has many advantages.

Birthday greetings for September to Christine Myott of Machine Accounting. . . . A double shower, honoring Shirley Hinchliffe, secretary to Max Thompson, and Trudy Beaulac of Machine Accounting, was held at the Colonial Club, Webster, September 15. Trudy is leaving WMW for Inglewood, California, where she will make her new home. Goodbye and good luck to a real pleasant girl. . . . We welcome Nancy Trainor of Uxbridge to Machine Accounting, where she will become a keypunch operator. . . . We welcome Ann (Karoty) Sprott and Connie Hazebrouck to the Payroll group.

Personality of the month: Virginia Wood of Payroll Computation has been with WMW since 1948. She is married to Sergeant Leslie Wood of the Northbridge Police Department. They make their home at 145 Goldthwaite Road, Whitinsville. Ginny was educated in the public schools and is a graduate of Northbridge High School. Her son, Jack, is a graduate of Clarkson College of Technology. He is at present working as an engineer in the construction of the new toll road. Jack plans to further his education this fall at Columbia. Ginny has a sister, Lois (Mrs. James Gellatly) of Personnel. Ginny is friendly, has an even disposition, gets along well with her associates and carries out her obligations and activities well. She is vice-president of the Wishing Well. Good music is her pet hobby.

Marshall Clark, Cost Department personality of the month, has crossed the continent six times. He is known as the "gypsy" by his associates

COST DEPARTMENT

by Dick Hanny and Pauline Hagan

Personality of the Month: Marshall Clark, congenial member of the Card group in this office, first saw the light of day in Hopedale, Mass., on May 11, 1922. He attended Hopedale High School and received an A.A. degree in Business Management at Worcester Junior College in 1952. Prior to this he attended U.C.L.A. for a year after receiving his discharge from the Coast Guard, where he served eight months as an apprentice seaman. He married Gene Fuller on October 15, 1949 and now resides at Inman Street, Hopedale, with his wife and son Richard Marshall. Before coming to work for Whitin Machine Works, Marshall worked for Draper Corporation and Raytheon. He also worked in California as a machinist with Airesearch Mfg. Company and as a salesman with a life insurance company. He has been with us in the department for a year and is a member of the Whitin Male Glee Club. Besides being an ardent Red Sox fan, Marshall has quite a collection of stamps and 35 mm. slides. He has had ample chance to add to both of his hobbies in his six trips across the country to California, where he spent about five years of his life. He also worked for the Army driving trucks in Florida for a short time. These hops around the country have given him the opportunity to visit almost every state in the Union. It is easy to see why we call him the "Wandering Gypsy of the Office."

We hope that everyone has recovered from the devastating flood after being threatened, marooned, and in many cases washed away. Some of our co-workers had difficulty getting home from work, especially Telex Richard who had to abandon his faithful Dodge and accept a ride on a fire engine to get through the muddy waters to Fisherville. Norman Deragon found a new way to press creases in trousers when he came in soaking wet from the parking lot on the morning of the flood. He used many small paper clips to hold the disappearing crease in his rain-soaked trousers.

We imagine that Marshall Clark will heed the warning inside the book matches to "Close before Striking" in the future since he came in the other day with a well-bandaged but sorely-burned hand. . . . The welcome mat is rolled out to four newcomers this month: Anna Thibault of North Uxbridge, Barbara Greeno of Manchaug, Beatrice Gauthier of Linwood and Mona Paine of Woonsocket. . . . There are two new members to the new car club this month: Margaret Crosby with her new Chevy and Don Rae with his new Ford. Happy motoring to both of them. . . . Joe Krol has returned from his vacation in Miami, Florida. . . . We were unaware that we had a United Press Reporter in our midst, but, on the night of the fire at the Manville Mill, Roland Farrar was mistakenly called by the United Press Office to give a complete report on the blaze. He was mistaken for George Farrar, the feature writer for the *Woonsocket Call.*

Congratulations go out to Ted Fronzak and Joe Platukas for receiving another suggestion award. . . . Larry Sarofian, Leo Imondi, and Norman Deragon had a very good reason for being a little late for work a short time ago. While on their way to work, they discovered a fire in a North Uxbridge apartment building and stopped to arouse the sleeping occupants and notify the fire department. That took care of their good deed for the day. . . . Telex Richard has been named an associate editor for the National Association of Cost Accountants' News Bulletin published by the Worcester Chapter. . . . Birthdays: Pauline Hagan, Eva Lundberg, and Lucien Horent. . . . Anniversaries: Marshall and Gene, their 6th; Leo and Rita Imondi, their 6th.

REPAIR SALES DEPARTMENT

by Joyce Rondeau

The welcome mat is out to Ann Buma, formerly of Master List Department, who is now working in the billing section. We hope she will enjoy working with us! . . . Joanne Miedema has been vacationing this month. . . . Sylvia Simonian and Ruth Crothers spent Labor Day week end at Hyannis and other spots on the Cape. . . . Joy Varteresian and Carol Davidson spent their holiday week end in New York City, shopping, and touring the city! . . . The Order Processing Department recently held two parties. Ken's Steak House was the scene for one; the second was held at Edna L'Esperance's with Carol Davidson and Joy Varteresian furnishing the entertainment! . . . Happy wedding anniversaries this month to Lucille Buma, Edna L'Esperance, Rob McKaig, and Herb Lightbown. . . . Congratulations to Ray Adams, who contributed to the Davey Crockett Horse Fund which helped Davey in his escape from the Alamo! . . . Niobe, that weeping lass, had nothing on the Red Sox fans following the recent diamond derringdo! Their idol, the Hub Hose, had, it develops, feet of clay and there was no joy in Whitinsville! . . . We wish Dick Rawlinson, who is seeking the Club Championship at the Golf Club, the best of luck.

As a result of entering a Coca-Cola contest, Theresa Benjamin, of Department 453, shown second from the left, won a two-day trip to New York City where she was the guest of Eddie Fisher

Marcia J. Sanderson, daughter of John Sanderson, an editor in the Advertising Department, is a freshman at the University of Massachusetts. She will major in business administration

MAIN OFFICE

by Marlene Willard and Gloria Frabotta

This month we have quite a few new faces in our midst. Two are in the Purchasing Department; namely, Nancy Thayer who worked in 406, and Muriel Boyko. Another is Minnie O'Dell who is working in the Catalogue Department, and, last but not least, Wilfred Goulet has replaced Jack Cunningham as mail boy. Jack has joined the ranks of Uncle Sam, and we wish him the best of luck, while at the same time, we welcome all of you newcomers, and hope you'll enjoy your stay with us. . . . Best wishes to Agnes Kalousdian on her recent engagement to George Krikorian of Worcester. . . . What happened to Arthur Vincent last month? Seems as though he got his signals crossed, and instead of just packing one of our southern salesmen's golf clothing until it was needed later in the day, Arthur went through his usual procedure; packed his package and brought it to the Post Office, where it soon was to be southward bound. Lewis Burns was one step ahead though, and managed to recover the parcel just before its departure.

The month of August found for us quite a number of travelers. Betty Graham spent two weeks at Chatham on the Cape, Agnes Kalousdian enjoyed a week at the Cape and another at the White Mountains, Esther Albin traveled to Montreal, Canada where she stayed for four days, Charles Peix had an enjoyable week at Prince Edward Island and New York was the site of Ruth Marshall's vacation. . . . The brave souls who battled the Labor Day traffic and the places they went to were: Eleanor Baker, Provincetown; Jim Marshall, Galilee; Marion Boyd, Jerusalem; Nellie Spratt, Hampton Beach; and Gloria Frabotta, Maine. . . . Greetings once again to Arlene Buker who is helping out in the Payroll Department. Arlene spent her summer months in Maine and that lovely tan she was sporting when she returned certainly was the envy of her friends.

Things are really jumping in our office this month. The girls have formed four bowling teams "just for fun." The meets will be held on Monday evenings in one of our town alleys. Half of the girls claim they're not bowlers, but it's good exercise and they are looking forward to a luscious meal at the banquet which will wind things up. Our "star" bowler for our first meet was Esther Albin who took high single of 94. Keep a watch for the list of "champs" which we will print every month. . . . This may be a spooky month with witches, hobgoblins and such, but there certainly isn't anything eery about the cheery wishes we'd like to send out for the birthdays of R. E. Lincoln, Charles Peix, Frances Guertin, Florence Tupper, Ruth Marshall, Eva O'Keefe, Nancy Thayer, Leonard White, Minnie O'Dell, and the anniversaries of Gordon Rankin, George Kellstrand, Norman Shaw, Dick Conlee, Larry Fuller, Jim Colthart, Tom Driscoll, and Minnie O'Dell.

METHODS DEPARTMENT

by Jean Cunningham

Simon "Tippy" Wiersma left September 14 on a Pan American Airliner for Paris, France, where he will stay for about six weeks while checking the quality of work done on combers made at Societe de Constructions Mecaniques de Stains Co., manufacturers for European distribution. . . . The birthday congratulations go out this month to Louis Belval, Charlie Mateer, Jennie Polek, Roy Worthington, Emmet Martin and Harry Bedigian. . . . Happy anniversary to Frank DeHaas of Methods and his wife on their twelfth wedding anniversary on October 8. . . . Anyone interested in ceramics should see Irene Barnett. She and her son have made some lovely pieces such as ash trays, lamps, dishes, etc. She enjoys working on these projects and has chosen ceramics as a real hobby. . . . Bridget Wawrzkiewicz is back with us after having a well-earned vacation. She very much enjoyed her rest. . . . Lydia Hickey was at home while her daughter Janet convalesced following a thyroid operation at Memorial Hospital. Janet is in training at Memorial to be a nurse. . . . We had a visit recently from Mary Mooradian, who formerly worked in Methods but has been in California for the past four years. It was very nice to see her again and to learn that she is very pleased with her work out there, with the climate and with everything that goes with California. Mary is very happy. . . . John Lalor is still getting things straightened out after his small shop suffered quite a bit of damage from the flood waters of the Blackstone River. Fortunately, Jack was able to salvage most of his equipment. . . . Johnny Walsh is still a never-say-die Red Sox fan, as he tells the fellows in the office. Especially Crocky Garabedian who is an all-out rooter for the Yankees!

PROMOTED

Following the Annual Sales Meeting at the Whitin Machine Works in Whitinsville, Mass., it was announced that Mr. Robert I. Dalton, Jr., had been made Southern Agent in the Company's Charlotte Office, succeeding his father, Mr. Robert I. Dalton, Sr., in that position. Mr. Dalton, Sr., who has been with the firm for over fifty-three years, will retain his position as a vice-president of the company and will continue to serve in an advisory capacity.

Mr. Robert I. Dalton, Jr., came to Whitin in 1946 in the capacity of salesman in the North Carolina territory following service with the U. S. Army in Europe.

He attended MacCallie School and graduated from North Carolina State College in 1943. He immediately entered the U. S. Army, served with the Infantry in Europe, and emerged with the rank of Captain. He was wounded in action and awarded the Purple Heart. He is now a Major in the U. S. Army Reserves.

In 1946 he married Miss Gwinn Barnwell of Charlotte, N. C., and now resides in Mathews, N. C. with his wife and two children. He is widely known throughout the Textile Industry in the South, belonging to many clubs and associations, including the Charlotte Country Club, the Charlotte City Club and the Charlotte Textile Club.

MARRIAGES and ENGAGEMENTS

John E. Lemoine and Lorraine L. Lavallee were married at Assumption Church, South Bellingham, Mass., on October 8.

Jacqueline Mowry, R.N., and Wilfred Wild, U.S.N., were married in Blessed Sacrament Church, Providence, on August 20. The bride's mother, Mrs. Joseph Nowak, is employed in Department 451.

Arthur Boucher, Department 429, and Claudette Gauthier were married recently at the Precious Blood Church, Woonsocket.

Robert Philip Holmes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Holmes, and Barbara A. Ware of Worcester were married on September 10 in the Old South Congregational Church, Worcester

On September 1, Cynthia DeVries became the bride of Ernest Riedle at the First Baptist Church, North Uxbridge

George Carpentier, Department 438, and Rita Grondin, Woonsocket, were married at St. Ann's Church, on September 3. The honeymoon trip was to Niagara Falls and the White Mountains.

The engagement of Agnes Kalousdian, Main Office, to George Krikorian, instructor at Calvin Coolidge School in Shrewsbury, has been announced.

Shirley Hinchliffe, Controller's Office, was married to Hubbard Sweet, at the Chapel, Wayside Inn, South Sudbury, on October 1.

Gertrude Beaulac, Machine Accounting, was married to Ajay McKinstry at St. Patrick's Church, on October 1.

Births

To Leo Joanis, Department 424, and Mrs. Joanis, a daughter, weight 6 lbs., on September 12.

To Roland Wilson, apprentice pattern maker, and Mrs. Wilson, a daughter, Mary Margaret, at Whitinsville Hospital on September 3.

To Charles Pendleton, Department 439, and Mrs. Pendleton, a son.

To Leo Ethier, Department 429, and Mrs. Ethier, a son at Woonsocket Hospital.

To Emile Merchant, Department 453, and Mrs. Merchant, a son, Dennis Charles, their fourth child.

To Thomas Tycks, assistant foreman of Department 426, and Mrs. Tycks, a daughter, Karen Gail, weight 8 lbs. 4½ oz., on September 7.

To Herbert Andrews, Methods, and Mrs. Andrews, a daughter, Donna May, weight 5 lbs. 10 oz., at Whitinsville Hospital on August 14.

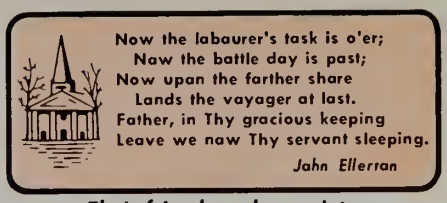
To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roy, a son, Roger Joseph, on August 16 at Whitinsville Hospital. Mr. Roy is employed in Department 448.

To David Richardson, Department 401, and Mrs. Richardson, a son, Steven, weight 8 lbs. ½ oz., at Memorial Hospital on September 6.

To Tom Gilchrist, Research Division, and Mrs. Gilchrist, a daughter, Beverly Anne, on August 22.

To Omer Ross, Foundry, and Mrs. Ross, a son, Daniel Elliot, their fifth child, on August 29.

To Valmore Deslauriers, cutter grinder, and Mrs. Deslauriers, a daughter, Donna Marie, weight 5 lbs. 7 oz., on August 20 in Whitinsville Hospital.



Their friends and associates extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved

Survivors and friends of Mrs. Martha Marshall, 80, of 3 Linden Street, who died at St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester, on September 15.

Survivors and friends of Treffle "Pete" Bedard, Jr., 65, who died at his home on 75 Linwood Street, Uxbridge, on September 11. He was a retired Whitin employee.

Relatives and friends of Joseph Bedard, 75, who died recently. He leaves a wife, a son, six daughters, two brothers, twenty-seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was a retired Whitin employee.

Leo Cardin, Department 416, on the death of his wife, Mrs. Ruth Cardin in Woonsocket Hospital on August 11.

Family and friends of Mrs. Theresa Vandersea who died at the home of her daughter at 15 County Street, Blackstone, on September 10.

Anthony Iannitelli, Department 448, on the deaths of his father and sister within a one-week period.

Armand St. Andre, Department 448C, on the death of his mother.

Simmone Grenier on the death of her father.

Donald Rae on the death of his father.

Ed Morel on the death of his brother, Louis Morel, in Montreal at age of 72.

William Malley on the death of his father, Thomas F. Malley, at the age of 91, in Uxbridge on August 28.

John Visbeck, Department 439, on the death of his wife.

John Lamont, Department 439, on the death of his wife.

Bernard Patsky, Department 439, on the death of his father, John Patsky, on July 10 at the age of 76.

Alphondor Noel, Department 453, on the death of his brother.

Marcel Pierel on the death of his mother on August 29.

Family and friends of Robert H. Richard, 51, who died at his home at 20 High Street, Whitinsville on September 7. A World War II veteran of the Sea Bees, he was employed at the Whitin Public Garage.

Survivors and friends of Stedman Ruggles, 69, of the Blue Eagle Inn, who died in St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester, on September 11. Prior to his retirement five years ago he was for thirty years an employee in the Whitin Machine Works.

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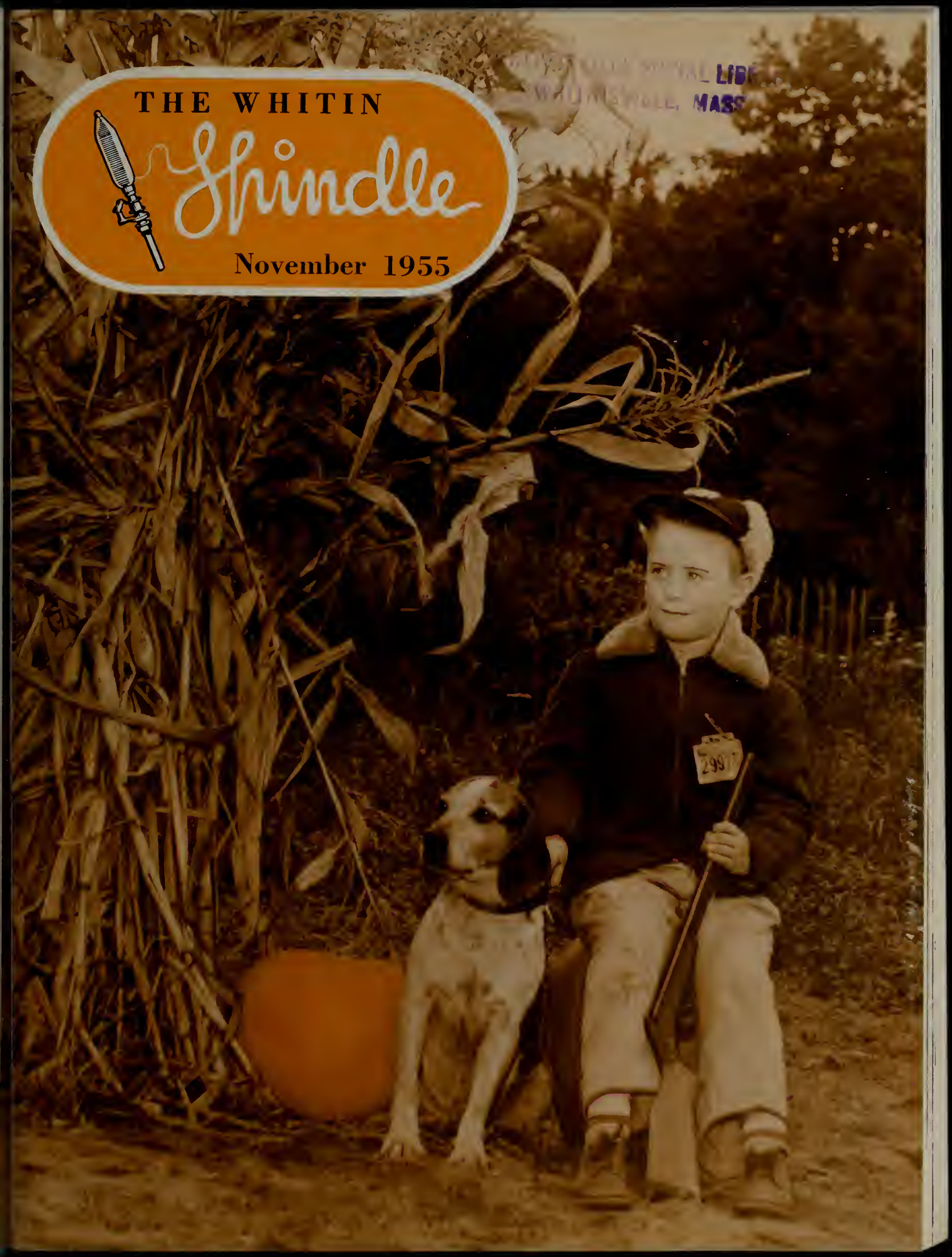

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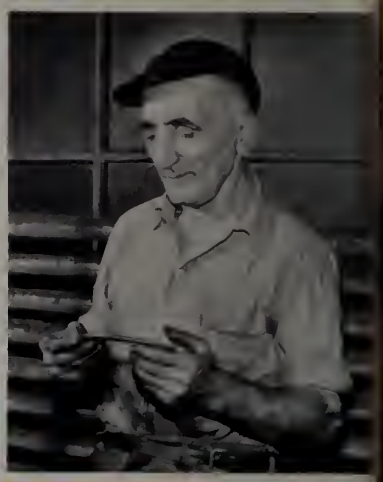
Familiar Faces

Around the Plant

Frank Nastor, Roll Assembler in 436, was born in Lithuania in 1888 and came to the U. S. in 1907. He completed 40 years at Whitin in August and has 4 children



Smile Allie was born in Turkey and cam ta the U. S. in 1913. He and Emilie have daughter, a granddaughter, and live Narthbridge. His habby—hame repairs

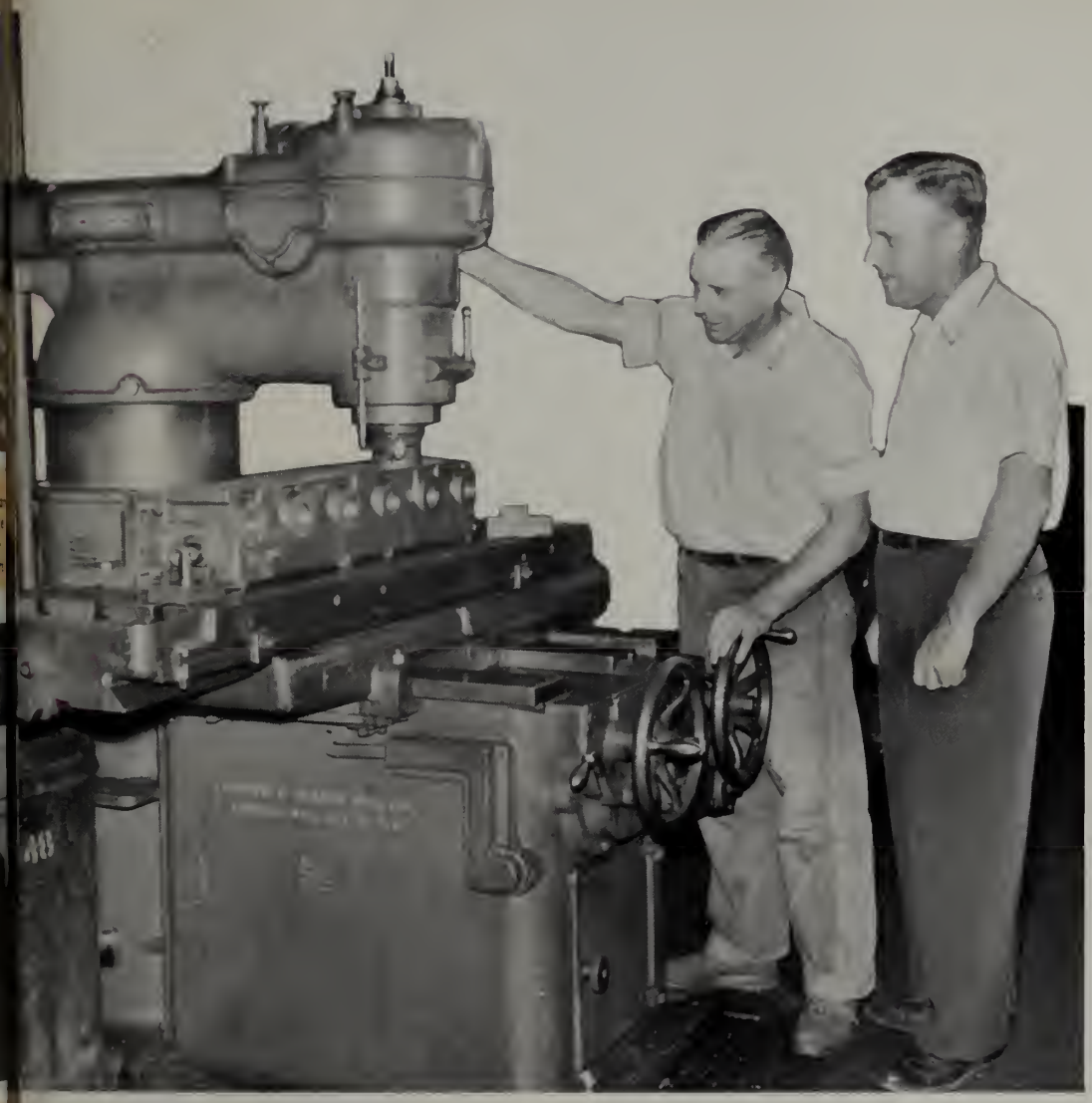
Betty Ann Feen, Stack Clerk in Dept. 426 has been a "Spindle" Reporter for 2 years, ond a Whitin employee far 5 years. She enjays watching faotball and baseball

Anne B. Frieswick, Secretary to Superi tendent Cunningham, has been a Whit employee for 14 years. Anne, husbon Chester, and son Steven live in Northbridg

Henry Forget, Metal Pattern Maker, has a farm an the share af Whitin Reservair. He has worked at Whitin 15 years and has 5 children. In his leisure he enjays hunting

Lucien Perran, Centerless Grinder Hand lives in Narthbridge with wife Eva. They have 2 daughters, a san in the Army and a grandsan. Lucien came ta Whitin in 1925

John Bosma, a 32-year Whitin employe was born in Amsterdam, and came ta th U. S. when 24 years ald. Jahn and wit Ina live in Whitinsville and have 3 childre

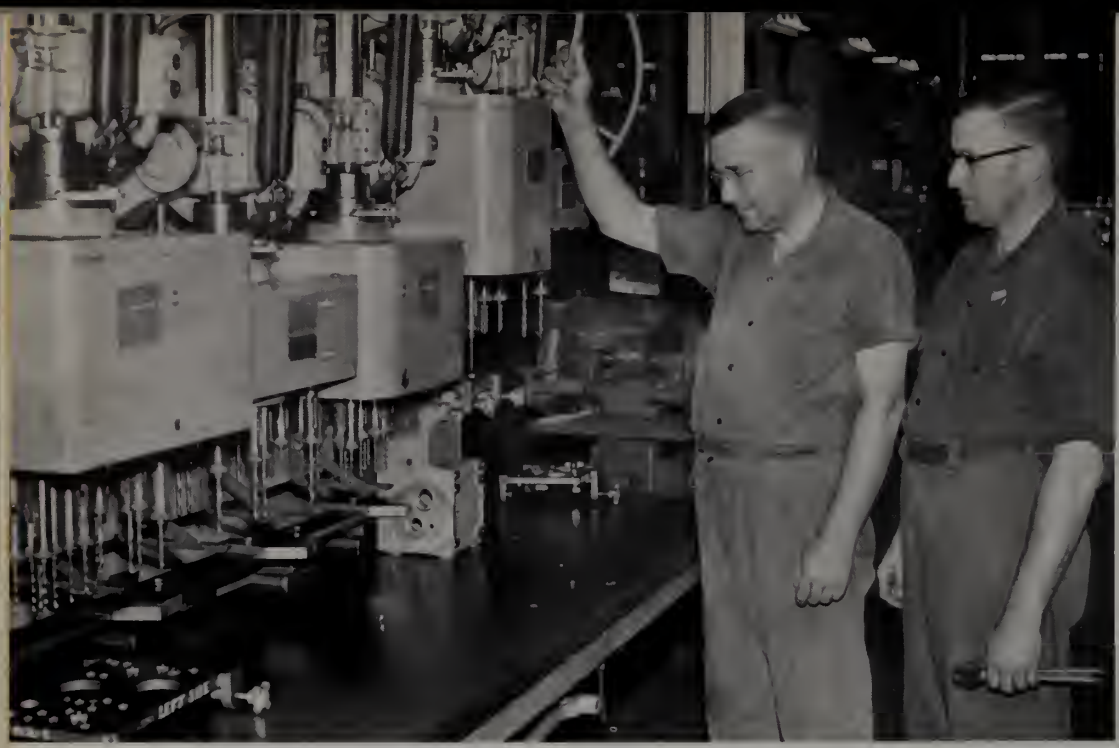


Parts far synthetic twisters call for extremely close talerances. As Foreman Francis Lawe watches, Gearge Wheeler vertical mills the inside pads on a DuPont drawbox

Precision
PAYS OFF IN PERFORMANCE

YNTHETIC FIBERS, those remarkable man-made prod-
cts which serve such highly useful purposes, were con-
eived in the minds of talented chemists and were born
n test tubes and retorts of modern laboratories. We
we these men of science a debt of gratitude. For from
his birth, synthetics have grown to a textile giant. It has been predicted by the U. S. Materials Policy Commission that the United States will produce 4,000,000,000 pounds of synthetic fibers in 1975.

Another group of men who play a vital part in the development of these synthetics are the skilled workmen who make the parts for the textile machines which

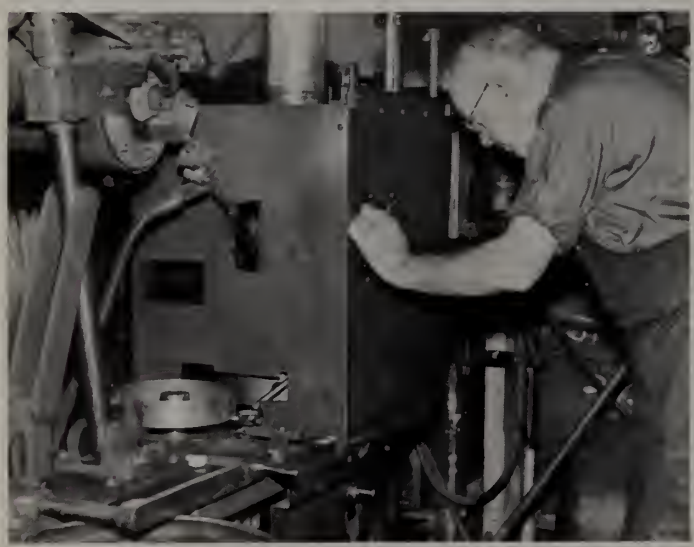


The sixty-four drills of this five-spindle multiple-head drill speed production. Set-up mon Peter Forget stands by os William Brouwer drills a com housing for the new winder

Precision Pays Off (continued)

process these fibers. They are among the men who make it possible for a laboratory experiment to develop into a finished product.

The men of Department 446 have the responsibility of making the small parts for Whitin Draw Twisters and for other machines designed by Whitin to handle synthetics such as nylon. While practically everyone is familiar with nylon, they will probably never know that ninety-nine per cent of all continuous filament nylon produced in the United States received its tensile strength as it was processed on a Whitin Draw Twister. But the men who buy textile machinery know a good product when they see it, and the sales record of the Draw Twister is eloquent testimony that, quietly and unobtrusively, the men of Department 446 do their work well when they operate their milling machines, drills, lathes, and special machines. In doing so they function as part of the great Whitin team which includes designers, erectors, salesmen, servicemen, and many others.



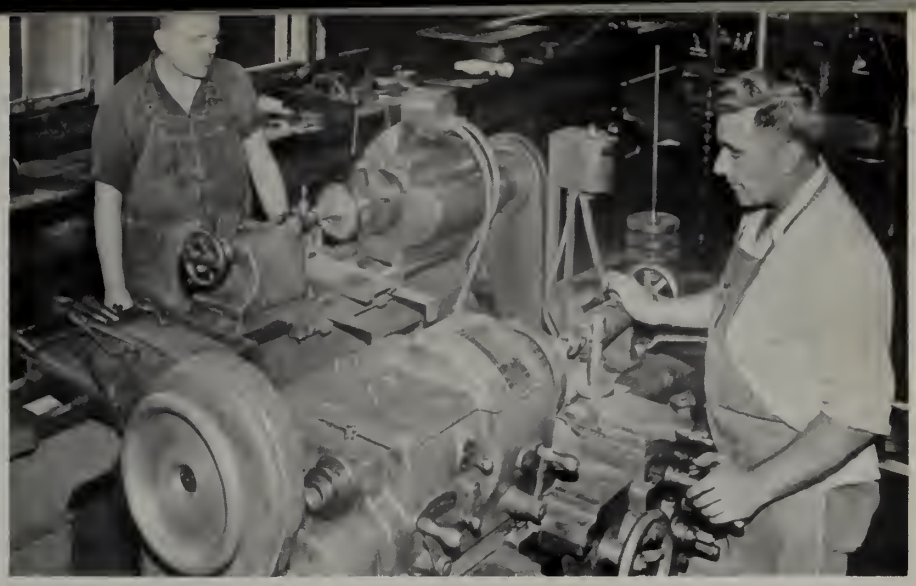
Gideon Berord does continuous welding with a Generol Electric automotic welding mochine. The completed pulley on the left is ready for inspection

Foreman of the Job is Francis J. Lowe, a Whitin employee since 1935, who became head of the department in June, 1950. Working with him are twenty-four men, and every third man is a senior employee. Assisting the department are Whitin employees from other departments: four inspectors, a painter, a planner, and a timekeeper.

Francis and his family—his wife Ellen, 19-year old Eleanor, and the 11-year old twins, Janice and Andrew—live at 9 Seagrave Street, Uxbridge, in the six-room Cape Cod house he owns. He spends his leisure in his home workshop.

Senior employees include: Simon Ploegstra, 36 years; Carl Baker, 32 years; William Brouwer, 31 years; Roy Fletcher, 28 years; Estin Hill, Henry Jacques, and George Wheeler, 22 years; George Jackson, 21 years; and Francis Lowe, 20 years.

Above: The Job is also an erecting department. Estin Hill, left, and Abel Lortie assemble the skeleton of a Whitin Model D Staple Cutter



Above: Department 446 uses a number of lathes. Corl Boker, left, turns the taper on a spinning frame crown gear while Rosorio Tessier turns a winder part

Below: The Department does a number of sub-assemblies. From the left, George Jackson, Thomas Morven, and Roy Fletcher assemble spinning frame draft gear covers

Above: Synthetic twister small parts require the drilling of many precisely located holes of exact size. In part of the drill section, from the left, are Richard Beaupre, Alphonse Belanger, Henry Jacques, and Maurice Mercure

Below: Assisting the Department are workers from other departments, including this group from Inspection. From the left: Henry Gosselin, Phyllis Kosciak, Morgoret McCudden, and Nancy Arguin

Employees of the Production Department also are of assistance: Maurice J. Murray, Supervisor of #12 Storesroom, checks an assembly number with John Lemire, Jr.

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The sums of money required for capital investment in our country's industrial expansion, and for the creation of new jobs, will be available only if individual Americans are free to save and if corporations have a chance to earn a profit that makes them willing to assume the necessary risks.

Another requirement is that a fair share of the earnings can be retained and not confiscated by discriminatory tax rates and double taxation of dividends. Take away these incentives and the whole fabric of the economy which has already given so much to so many millions of us is endangered.

FRONT COVER: Although armed with only a popgun, many a boy has experienced the thrill of hunting rabbits or birds with his dog. The youthful hunter in this picture is Douglas, 6-year old son of Walter Frieswick, of the Methods Department. Shown with Douglas is 10-year old Tinker, a rabbit hound.

Whitin Personality

THE birthplace of Stuart W. Visser was only a mile from Purgatory and he lived there for the first twenty-three years of his life. The 45-acre Visser farm on Purgatory Road in Whitinsville was a busy place, for Stuart was the next to the youngest of seven children. At an early age Stuart, although a hard worker, decided that agriculture was not the career for him.

So, after graduating from the local schools, he enrolled in evening classes at Worcester Boys Trade School and began as an apprentice toolmaker in the Whitin Apprentice School. He showed a natural flair for drawing, took a state correspondence course in drafting, and turned in such excellent classwork that he was advised to change his career to drafting.

In 1929 Stuart started his new career in the Engineering Department. He started as a blueprint boy, worked up through tracing to draftsman and is currently a designer of spinning frames on both cotton and the American System.

His bachelor days ended in 1936 when Miss Gertrude Jorritsma became Mrs. Visser. They now share their five-room home at 372 Hill Street, Whitinsville, with their two sons, 15-year old William and 12-year old Raymond.

Many of Stuart's leisure hours are devoted to church work. His ability to manage money is respected by his associates of the Christian Reform Church. He is past treasurer of the Young Men's Society, Glee Club, Sunday School, Christian School, and Board of Deacons. He is currently chairman of the deacons.

His remaining spare hours are devoted to his garden. He proudly points out that he took first prize for his Green Mountain potatoes this year. He views this success with the same quiet good nature he regards all other things.

The One Big "Must"

Some people seem to have thrown in the towel on the high cost of government. The problem is just too big and complicated to worry about, they say. They need all their available worrying time for earning a living and raising a family. Besides, they add, even if they wanted to do something, they wouldn't know what to do.

One of the less advertised advantages of living in the United States is the inalienable right to do practically nothing about government, unless you feel like it. Nobody here even has to vote, if he doesn't want to. About the only thing an American *must* do about government is pay for it—through taxes.

The tax "must" has become pretty important. According to the Tax Foundation, a private research organization, *all government now collects $572 in taxes for each American, compared with $370 at the end of World War II and $109 when the war started.*

If some people choose to avoid thinking about government costs and just go on paying high taxes, that is their business. But they are dead wrong if they assume they couldn't do anything about government if they tried. Here are a few of the ways an American citizen can help control his government and reduce his tax burden:

1. Voting—if the voter makes sure that every man he votes for is truly interested in lower taxes and less government waste, whatever his political party may be, the voter will sooner or later feel the results in his own pocketbook.

2. Letters—one of the most effective ways for the individual citizen to make his voice heard is by letters to the public officials who are, let's not forget, his paid representatives. Since a letter-writer means a thinking voter, every letter gets a careful reading by the congressman, senator, state assemblyman, or local official to whom it is sent. All of them want and *need* to know what the voter thinks.

3. Group action—the individual citizen can get plenty of expert help from others if he really wants to "do something" about government. For example, there are independent taxpayer organizations in 37 states and hundreds of communities across the nation. They welcome new fighters *for more efficient, more economical government.* And they know how to get results at the local, state and Federal levels.

Any American who takes his responsibility as a citizen seriously, who is sincerely concerned about the high cost of government, has the means at hand to take his own personal whack at the problem. All he needs to do is get started.

Left: Egypt is a land of contrasted antiquity and modernity. On the one hand, Arabs, heavily swathed against the desert sands, still water their camels at a waterhole in the shadows of the pyramids at Giza. On the other hand, Alexandria, a port with a population of a million and a half, is a city of modern buildings facing the Mediterranean

WHITIN Erectors Travel the World

THE LIFE of a Whitin erector is often a life of adventure. This is particularly true of those who travel by airplane, today's flying carpet, to many foreign lands.

A typical journey is that recently completed by Clem Stanislaus who in a five-month period visited Egypt, Germany, Belgium, Switzerland, and Italy. This trip carried him to large cities such as Paris, Rome, Athens, Ghent, Brussels, Dusseldorf, Zurich, Alexandria, and Cairo. It brought him to smaller centers such as the Swiss towns of Bulach, Rorbas, and Basel; the German towns of Krefeld, Rheydt, and Zell Schonau; and the Italian towns of Milano and Nembro.

Wherever Clem erected or serviced machinery he was treated hospitably and received utmost cooperation from mill officials. It is gratifying to learn that in each of these countries our Model "J" Comber is still considered the World's finest and our new Axi-Feed and Axi-Flo are regarded as revolutionary in the foreign textile industry.

In each country he visited, Clem took advantage of his leisure. He learned about the native customs, sampled the native foods, and visited spots of historic, cultural, or scenic interest. He returned from his trip with several hundred photographs, a few of which appear on these pages.

Right: Clem Stanislaus, Whitin Erector, standing on the Corniche at Alexandria, looks out over the Mediterranean. The Corniche is an elegant boulevard which for many miles borders on the sea

Below: Clem enjoys visiting points of interest in whatever land he visits. This is Montazah Palace, formerly one of the several residences of King Farouk, deposed Egyptian monarch

Below: Part of the Nile Textile Company, S.P.A.E., Alexandria, where Clem erected Sliver Laps, Ribbon Laps, and Combers. Note on the facade the name of the mill in Arabic characters

One of the mony Comber instollotions serviced by Clem during his stoy in Europe wos at the mill of Crefelder Boumwoll-spinnerei, locoted in Krefeld, Germony

Above: During his four-week stoy in West Germany, Clem found the people well-dressed ond the towns prosperous. This street scene is the Corneliusplotz in the city of Dusseldorf

Left: The mountoins ond glociers hove helped the sturdy Swiss to protect their independence. On the left is the Rhone Glacier, on the right the winding Furko Road. The two-story building ot the center of the picture gives some idea of the scole of the londscope

Right: Being skilled croftsmen, the Swiss oppreciate ond use the fomed Model J Comber. Clem serviced the comber installotion at the mill of Blumer Soehne and Compony ot Buloch, Switzerlond

e village of Nembro, Italy, stonds fifty miles om the Swiss border. This is part of the mber installation ot the mill of Filaturo Crespi & Compony at Nembro

Rome, the Eternal City, is the oldest city of the western world. This is an aeriol photograph of St. Peters

Emil DeMello and Adam Satkauskas received $107 for their suggestion that a detachable baom might be maunted on a fork truck. They had previously received a preliminary award af $53 for the same suggestion. From the left: Leonord Brock, Emil DeMella, Adam Satkauskas and Philip B. Walker

For suggesting an impraved methad of machining back bar fingers, Herbert Hendersan and Oscar Gadding, af the Toal Jab, received $129. Fram the left: Fareman Ralph Baker, Herbert Henderson, Oscar Gadding, and Assistant General Superintendent J. C. Rankine

Suggestion Awards

Dept.	*Name*	*Suggestion Number*	*Amount of Award*
454	Oscar Godding	55–152	$129.00
454	Herbert Henderson		
466	Adam Satkauskas	54–78	107.00
466	Emil DeMello		
424	Franklin Greene	54–265	80.00
489	Sydney Miedema	55–9	66.00
411	Clifford Goyette	55–110	50.00
462	Thad Fronczak	54–63	38.00
462	Joseph Platukis		
489	Paul Cagnon	54–216	25.00
439	Arthur King		
454	Alfred Milano	55–171	25.00
466	Harry Osterman	55–180	25.00
	Adam Satkauskas		
454	Benjamin A. Hall	55–81	23.00
445	Aimo Audio	55–80	18.00
	Archie Fournier		
424	William Ryan	55–133	10.00
451	Edward Lamontagne	55–139	10.00
424	Hector Chase	55–108	7.50
424	Norman Stanley		
404	Hilding Appellof	55–109	7.50
452	Rosaire Rajotte	55–124	7.50
428	Mederic Gaulin	55–125	7.50
424	Hector Chase	55–137	7.50
	Norman Stanley		
410	Joseph Hvizdash	55–143	7.50
423	Reynold Boucher	55–131	7.50
401	David Richardson	55–134	7.50
424	John Hoyle, Jr.	55–148	7.50
423	George Cartier	55–163	7.50
412	George Charbonneau	55–76	7.50
410	Henry Charron	55–105	7.50
424	John Hoyle, Jr.	55–168	7.50
462	Normand Deragon	55–147	3.00

DON'T LET *Your* CHILD BE NEXT

CHILD KILLER NO. 1 is the accident which could have been prevented.

During the past decade, scientific advances have cut in half the death rate for children from one through fourteen for all causes except accidents.

But the death rate for child accidents has decreased only one-sixth, leaving carelessness and thoughtlessness the greatest killers of all.

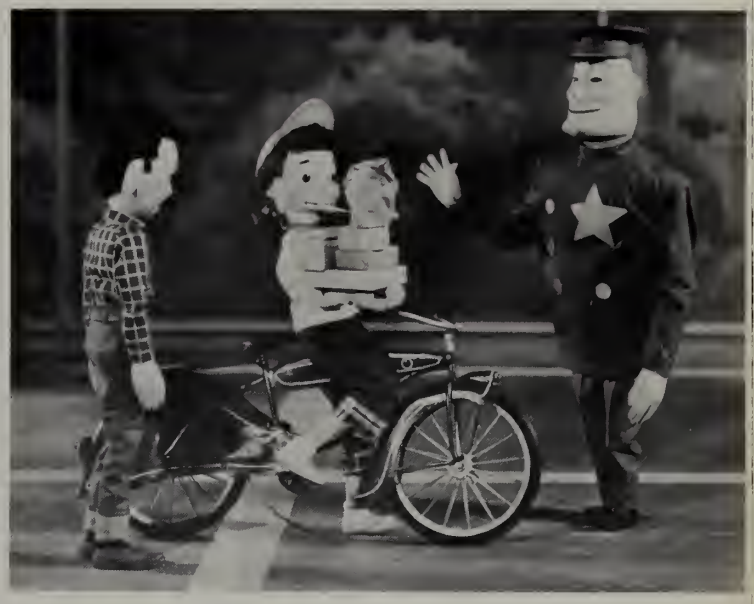
The facts are that 14,000 children under fifteen years die each year as a result of accidents; that injuries total more than 1,500,000 yearly and they cost, in addition to sorrow and suffering, more than $100,000,000.

Although exact data on bicycle accidents are scarce, it is reported that annually there are approximately 450 deaths and 20,000 injuries in collisions between bicycles and motor vehicles.

Special studies showed that two out of three bicycle riders injured were violating some traffic law. One-third involved violations by motor vehicle drivers; one-fifth involved bicycles with some mechanical defect; two-fifths occur at intersections and two-thirds occur during daylight.

"STOP AND GO, the Safety Twins," who have appeared in many television shows, offer the following "lucky 13" rules for safer and saner bicycle use:

1. Obey all traffic signs and regulations.
2. Keep to the right side of the road.
3. Ride single file, at a safe distance behind the vehicle ahead.
4. Stop to see that sidewalks or streets are clear, before riding out of alleys or driveways or from behind parked cars.
5. Dismount and walk bike across heavily traveled streets and highways.
6. Signal your intention to turn.
7. Carry parcels and books in a basket or luggage carrier.
8. Never ride two on a bike.
9. Never hitch on to other vehicles.
10. Do not stunt on streets and highways.
11. At night have a white light on front of bike, a red light or reflector on rear and wear white or light-colored clothing.
12. Keep your bike in good condition.
13. Park your bike in a safe and proper place, standing upright.



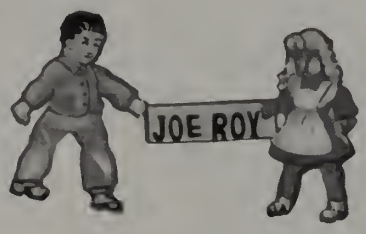
A police officer stops this bicycle rider before she gets into an accident because her hands are filled with packages instead of being on the handlebars where they belong. He explains to Chuck, the bystander, that one of the most important rules of bicycle safety is to put parcels and books in a luggage holder

A patient policeman explains that two is a crowd on a bicycle. He informs Chuck, who looks on, that an important rule of bicycle safety is: "No riders on the handlebars"

HOBBY— Lawn Ornaments

Most New Englanders have an incurable urge to make things. They spend hours in basement workshops tinkering with power tools, hardware supplies, paints, brushes and lumber. Interestingly enough, their efforts are often rewarded with a product which is at least equal in workmanship to that bought in a store. Joseph Peter Roy and his hobby fit this pattern.

Joe, a Payloader operator in the Yards, was born in North Uxbridge on May 14, 1916. In the cellar of his home at 19 Whitin Street, North Uxbridge, he spends his leisure time making attractive lawn ornaments. The figures on this page are taken from a small corner of the lawn at his residence. They show how his



hobby lends color and character to the outside of his home. Each of the ornaments shown was cut and painted by Joe.

The patterns which he uses are purchased from companies which advertise in the *Popular Mechanics* magazine. The cost of a pattern which may be used any number of times, varies from a dime to a dollar and a half. Plywood, from which he makes his lawn ornaments, is more expensive—Joe often buys a piece costing two or three dollars. Shellac, 29¢ cans of colored enamel, and brushes from the 5 & 10 store complete the list of required materials.

His tools are relatively inexpensive. The most important item is a $14 jigsaw. He also uses a power drill, a grinding wheel, and a number of hammers, saws, and screwdrivers.

After he receives the pattern he transfers it to the plywood by tracing over carbon paper. Then he cuts the outline of the ornament with his jigsaw, sands the piece with several grades of sandpaper, drills one or more holes in the base for supporting sticks or rods; it is then painted and a finish coat applied.

In explaining how he finishes the ornaments, Joe cautioned that the finish he uses will last only a year or so before it shows signs of weathering. He applies a coat of shellac, a base coat of white enamel, and uses colored enamels to paint in the details. As Joe changes the ornaments on his lawn frequently, he feels that this procedure is all that is required. For others he suggests a more permanent finish. If he wants the finish to last several years he uses two coats of shellac and two coats of flat white paint as a base.

Making lawn ornaments is strictly a hobby for Joe. He doesn't sell them. He makes them only for his own amusement and to please his wife Eva and his daughters, 15-year old Theresa and 3-year old Irene.

In his basement workshop Joe has additional ornaments. Using the same tools and materials he also builds birdhouses, shelves, and cabinets. He recommends his hobby to other Whitin employees who like to work with their hands

KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

by Bill Scanlon

Francis Wall, of the Yard, gave the boys a lecture on deer hunting. Francis is a past master at stalking deer. . . . John Fitzgerald has left Vail Field and is back on the Spinning Floor. . . . Henry Courteau and his wife went to Canada for a vacation. . . . Richard Eaton is a new arrival in the Yard. . . . Leland Demers has been transferred from the Yard to the Garage. . . . Jack Collins has taken over a new job. He is now chauffeur and floor man at the Garage. . . . Albert Potvin has undertaken a major task. He is grading the land around his home on Goldthwaite Road. From the amount of loam he has ordered he is going to be a busy man for a long time to come. . . . Anthony Campo entertained at Joe Topp's one Sunday night. Campo sang a number of Italian folk songs and as an added attraction he sang "On a Little Farm Down Indiana Way."

TOOL JOB

by George Jones

Art Barsey has been drawn for jury duty in Worcester starting November 7. . . . As we go to press Herman Yongsma is on a two-week vacation tour in Florida. . . . The new man in the cutter grinding room is Leander Aldrich who lives on B Street in Whitinsville. . . . There has been an epidemic of new cars on the job: Hertsen Heerdt has a new two-tone green and white '55 Chevy; Herman Yongsma has a '53 Chevy station wagon; Clem Jacques has a '53 blue Ford; and Phil Larsen has a '55 two-tone blue Chevy Bel Air. Herman Haagsma also now owns a '55 beach wagon. . . . Congratulations to Roger and Mrs. O'Keefe on buying their four-tenement house on High Street in Whitinsville; also to Norman Fields on buying his house; and to Walter Lawton on buying a house. . . . Eugene Lussier has a new hobby of taking colored movies. . . . We want to wish Dave Poole good luck in his new job in the Inspection Department. We welcome Bob Cassidy from Worcester who took over Dave Poole's job with the maintenance men. . . . Congratulations to Gilbert Baker on his promotion to the Methods Department.

BOLSTER JOB

by Charles Kheboian

One last item for the year on baseball: I have never seen so many baseball fans so happy as when the Yankees lost. There in itself is a story. When one Yankee fan remarked about the great "number of Brooklyn rooters" the answer was "not Brooklyn rooters, but Yankee haters."

pfer Brothers Company was hit hard by the flood waters which resulted from Hurricane Dione. This photo, taken by Hans Hoell, shows a washout of the railroad bed near the plant

J. HUGH BOLTON COMPLETES 30 YEARS

On October 1, President J. Hugh Bolton completed 30 years of service with the Whitin Machine Works. To mark the occasion, Mr. E. Kent Swift, Chairman of the Board of Directors, invited Mr. Bolton's family and some of his friends and associates to a dinner party in honor of Mr. Bolton, at the Whitinsville Golf Club on October 3.

Mr. Bolton was born on May 6, 1896 in Jamestown, New York. He is a graduate of Western Reserve University. During World War I he served as a pursuit pilot in the Army Air Force of the United States. In 1919, he married Marion E. Grieb and in that same year he started his textile career with the Cleveland Worsted Mills, Cleveland, Ohio. From 1923 to 1925, Mr. Bolton served the D. O. Pease Mfg. Company of Palmer, Massachusetts, as President, Treasurer, and General Manager. In 1925 Mr. Bolton joined the Whitin Machine Works. He was instrumental in building up our Woolen, Worsted, Rayon and Knitting Divisions. For many years he served as manager of these departments. In 1938, he was appointed a vice-president of this Company and he was elected a first vice-president in 1942. On March 4, 1946, Mr. Bolton was elected President and General Manager of the Whitin Machine Works.

In behalf of all the employees of the Whitin Machine Works, we wish J. Hugh Bolton good health, long life and continued success as he guides and directs the manifold functions and widespread interests of our Company.

NEW VENDING MACHINES INSTALLED THROUGHOUT THE PLANT

It isn't often that we have an opportunity to reap dual benefits from one enterprise, but that's what happened when the Management of the Whitin Machine Works authorized the installation of 62 new automatic Coca-Cola dispensing machines on October 15. Besides supplying us with a tasty beverage, the installation of the Coke machines will help defray the operating expenses of the Whitin Community Association. Each year the Gymnasium operates at a deficit and must rely on individual donations to meet its expenses. All of the profits received by the Company from the sale of milk and candy have been turned over to the Gymnasium. Now, also the profits from the Coke machines will go to the Gymnasium.

The Coke machines have been located according to the distribution of workers in the plant. The machines vary in size and hold between 48 and 240 bottles. Each machine has an automatic coin changer.

These machines were installed with some misgivings for, in some plants, empty bottles have created a safety problem. Don't let that happen here! Be sure and return all empty bottles to the racks! Don't leave bottles under benches and around machines!

In addition to the new Coke machines, 20 new automatic milk dispensing machines have been installed in areas which are convenient to employees in the various departments. These new machines are decidedly better than those previously used in the Plant. The milk dispensed is cooler and comes in a sanitary carton.

At the end of the first week, the sale of Coke amounted to approximately 3000 bottles a day and the sale of milk increased to 1500 half-pints a day.

The Coke machines and the milk machines will be serviced daily by full time operators from the companies who have the concessions. These machines cost approximately $35,000 and should be treated with utmost care. If, for any reason, the machine in your area does not operate satisfactorily, have your foreman promptly notify Edwin Davis, Staff Assistant to the Maintenance Engineer.

As a final reminder—don't forget to return all empty bottles to the rack.

Bob Cochrane, with a new Ford beach wagon, and Roger Lague, with a new Pontiac, lead our new-car buyers. Bernie Gately has a newer model Ford. . . . We are glad to see the return of Francis Kelly and William Pare to our department and to greet our new worker, Roger Charrette. . . . Leo Bouley and wife celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary on October 19. Leo's son has been home on leave and will be stationed at Otis Air Field. . . . Say, if anybody would like to learn how to assemble a combination square, see Alec Powell for a positively fool-proof method. . . . Ray Blizard and his wife took a ride through the flooded areas. Ray reports that a great deal has to be done to get these areas back to normal. . . . Jeff Powers visited his son at the Sampson Training Center in New York State. . . . Bob Cochrane, continuing his fine work in Cub Scout activity in Pascoag, R. I., has also been elected to the office of Secretary in the Boy Scout Executive Committee. . . . John Wisniowski's beagle hound has made him a present of eight pups.

COMBER JOB

by Terry Merolli

October certainly was a popular month for Birthdays. Greetings go to Hector Chase, Terry Merolli, Alex Kieronski, Frank Greene, Bob Hopkins, Charlie Machoian, Andy Hoekstra and Henry Kelley. . . . Anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chaffee and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ostak. . . . Well the series is over and all's quiet again—the familiar cry is "Well at least those Yankees didn't win"—Andy Hoekstra says "Wait until next year!!" . . . Summer is over but the fall bouquets that have been appearing are very beautiful. Thanks Andy—they sure brighten up the office. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Don Simmons have left for a month's vacation in California. They plan to visit their son who resides out there with his family.

Favorite comment of Leo Joanis when referring to his new baby daughter—"My wife has to remind me that she's around." The other evening however, Leo had to baby-sit while Mrs. Joanis went out—after that he was overheard saying "I know now that she's around!"

SPINNING SMALL PARTS

by Jake Sohigian

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Baker on their 29th wedding anniversary. . . . Carl Wood, our jolly old lathe hand, has taken a great interest in Auto racing. He heads towards Thompson, Conn., every chance that he gets. He calls it the fastest sport in the world. . . . It's good to see Arthur Bedard back to work. He is looking great. Arthur had been out for some time.

Brooklyn's win over the Yankees in the World Series should be voted the Sports Thrill of 1955. The Yankees finally capitulated to a better team. That final game at Yankee Stadium is where they separated the men from the boys. . . . Al Lozier, our paint bench man, is out sick. The Job sends him wishes for a speedy recovery. . . . Bob Rondeau has bought a new house in South Bellingham, Mass. . . . Moe Deshaies and Bob Rondeau attended the recent ball game held in Woonsocket, between the Major League All Stars and the Rhode Island All Stars. They came back loaded with autographs. Moe says, "Gee, I touched Wally Dropo." . . . Foreman J. Dufries and Tom Grenier visited the Springfield Fair. . . . Johnny Campbell is in the hospital once again. Johnny is sorely missed by everyone on the Job. He will appreciate visitors. . . . New faces on the Job this month are: Irene Chevalier, William Nelson, R. LaChance, R. Vadenais, J. McGrath, P. Contoir, W. Kerrigan, H. Rider, and L. Desmarais.

Karl Lewicke, Department 431, retired on September 30, 1955, after working here since June 1914. He received a variety of gifts, including a sport shirt, sweater, cigarettes, and lighter. Presentation by Foreman Ernest Lawson

FOUNDRY

by Joe Guidi

We wish the best of health to Moses Malkasian who recently retired from the Foundry. Moses was born in 1889 in Turkey. He came here to Whitinsville in 1908 and immediately started working in the Whitin Machine Works. For the past 47 years he has worked at various jobs in the Foundry, but mostly as a double machine molder. Moses is married and has seven children and thirteen grandchildren.

Ray Drainville, one of our finishers on the 750-pound Herman machine, was recently operated on. Ray is now at home and is recuperating nicely, we are happy to report. Recently, Chick Gagnon caught one of his fingers between the cope and drag of a flask. Luckily, he escaped with only a bad bruise.

Ted Holewa has purchased a new car, a bright yellow one. Now I know why some of the men were wearing sunglasses that dark and stormy morning at the Grove Parking Lot.

On October 14, 1955, the New England Foundrymen's Association held its annual Conference at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. All of our foundry supervisors were invited to attend this affair. After all the technical sessions were over a smoker was held at the Parker House. At the technical sessions many foundry problems were discussed and corrective measures were suggested. We are happy to see that Whitin Machine Works extends to our supervisors the privilege of attending these sessions. This is one way to help keep our Foundry abreast of the latest developments.

We are sorry to hear that Mike Zeroogian is out ill. We wish him a speedy recovery.

RESEARCH DIVISION

by Bernice Taylor and Dick Benoit

November again, and once more we are looking forward to the holidays. How many more weeks until Christmas? . . . The World Series excitement is a thing of the past, and the crying towels have all been tucked away for "the wait until next year" fans. . . . Many happy returns of the day to Ross Newton, Bill McFarland, Chick Corron and Hugo Meotti. . . . Anniversary congratulations this month to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cabana, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brandt, Mr. and Mrs. John Hapworth and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kostka. . . . Ray Mooradian's wife is recuperating from a serious illness at St. Vincent's Hospital. . . . Happy motoring to Bill Lundgren in his new black and white Ford, Joe Kostka in his Pontiac and Ross Newton whose choice was a Chevrolet. . . . Jerry Lloyd is back with us again for the winter months after spending the summer working at Cape Cod. . . . Congratulations to Ike Peloquin and Bea Cant on receiving their 5-year pins, and to Ken Stanley, who is now a 15-year man. Incidentally, Ken Stanley has about decided to give up candy. He and the candy machine are "at war." . . . Bea Cant, Virginia Burke, Eileen Holmes and Bernice Taylor recently enjoyed smorgasbord at the Stockholm Restaurant at the Worcester Airport. The food was simply "fabulous." And, on October 8th, Virginia, Bea and Bernice attended a fashion show at the Bancroft Hotel, sponsored by the National Secretaries Association (International). The clothes that were modeled were from Filene's Department Store, and they were most attractive and yet practical for the business woman.

Moses Malkasian, Foundry Molder, retired last month after completing 47 years of service with the Whitin Machine Works. Roland Hanson, Assistant Foundry Superintendent, presented Moses with a purse, a gift from his associates

Personality of the Month: Alden William Toomey was born in Uxbridge in 1926. He attended school there, and was graduated from U. H. S. in 1944. Then he joined the Navy. While in the service, Al had the opportunity of taking courses at The Ford Training School in Dearborn, Michigan, and studied basic engineering at San Diego, Cal. After his discharge from the Navy, Al returned home and worked at Draper Corporation for six months. Then he came to work at W.M.W. and started on the Tin Cylinder Job, which was located where Research is today. Al worked for a time on the Milling Job in Inspection. He decided to join the Apprentice School in order to become a road man. Following

Alden Toomey, Navy veteran and apprentice graduate, is the Research Division personality of the month

graduation from the Apprentice School, Al traveled for W.M.W. in Canada and in the South. Then Al came to work at Research where he runs the cotton frames (drawing, roving and spinning). In 1946 he was married to Miss Mary Louise Maroney of Whitinsville. They live in Douglas and have their own home. There are four children in the Toomey family: Mary Ellen, James, Larry and Eileen. Al is a very popular fellow at Research. He sings at his work (never the right words) but it sounds good anyway.

SPINNING, CARD ERECTING AND POLISHING

by Francis Horan

Personality of the Month: George Robbins, better known in these departments as "Robbie," has a background of naval service. Serving in the U. S. Navy from 1920 until 1936, he did duty in Panama, Honolulu, Philippines and China. Upon crossing the Equator, he became an honorary member of the Shellbacks when he went through the time-honored custom of meeting Neptune and his aides. He also had the certificate to prove it. Called back into the service in 1939, he did duty on battleships, cruisers, tugboats, and submarines and can recall many interesting experiences. In 1942 he retired and again rejoined the Whitin Machine Works. He first worked on the Torpedo Job and later on other departments. Easy to get along with, Rob does favors for everyone while seldom asking one. He lives with Mrs. Robbins (a wonderful cook by the way) and their five children in Millville. The children's names are John, Joyce, Richard, Neil and William. "Robbie," an ardent T.V. fan, also enjoys doing carpentry work around the house.

Ernest Pickup, appointed foreman of Department 433 in 1947, was presented his 25-year pin by President J. Hugh Bolton on October 14. Mr. Bolton, accompanied by Mr. Pierson and Mr. Cunningham, congratulated Mr. Pickup on his long term of service. A native of Lancashire, England Ernest landed in Boston in 1911 and went to work in a shoe factory in New Bedford. After this he worked for Interstate Street Railway out of Providence, then was employed by Nossberg Machine Works in Attleboro. While attending New Bedford Textile nights learning toolmaking, he was employed by the Taunton-New Bedford Copper Rolling Mills in New Bedford. Later he was employed by Fales and Jenkes, working up to foreman, and served in that capacity for five years until the company was purchased by the Whitin Machine Works. Arriving here in 1930, he started under Mr. Bates in Department 448 and has gradually worked up to his present status. Owner of a new house in Plummers Park, he resides there with Mrs. Pickup. His main hobby is beautifying the house. He also likes television and is becoming a keen follower of sports of all kinds.

I had a pleasant surprise the other day when I turned around and who was coming across the floor to see me but Herb Bliss. He looked wonderful after his siege in the hospital. Herb asked me to use this channel to thank everyone who sent him cards, flowers and remembrances during his long convalescence. . . . Anyone got a master key he doesn't want? If so, send it to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Roche who were so interested in watching their youngsters from the front porch that they forgot the automatic lock on the door. A gust of wind closed the door while dinner was on the table and the burners going. Ray finally picked the lock (Jimmy Valentine). . . . John Wilson has left us to go into the bakery business in Milford. Jack is not a beginner, nor is his brother with whom he is going into business. Both veterans in the trade, they will be glad to see you at their bakery on Pine Street, Milford. . . . Recipients of 10-year pins were George Nichols and Walter Oolovgian. . . . New men joining these departments are Robert Cost, Alexander Marshall, Job Vaillancourt, Robert Brand, and Nicholas Boyko.

October wedding anniversaries: John Fleszar, Edward Marshall, Dave Picard, Sr., William Muse, and Carmen DeFelippo. . . . Celebrating October birthdays were: Frank Convent, Alfred LeBlanc and Arthur Pellerin.

John Healy, Sheet Metal personality of the month, learned some of the skills he uses on the Job by taking correspondence courses. He holds his grandson, John Healy III

George Robbins, Navy veteran and Department 433 personality of the month, became a Shellback when he crossed the Equator

Penned and Clipped: "Dr. Francis B. Carroll, Chief Medical Director of the Veterans Administration Hospitals of all New England and New York, and son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Carroll of 2 Maple Street, gave a very interesting talk to the Holy Name Society of St. Patrick Church on Sunday evening, October 9.

"Mr. Carroll, Sr. is a retired foreman of the Whitin Machine Works." . . . The annual meeting of the Valley Scouts was held Monday, September 19. Joe Gauvin of Northbridge is new chairman with Joe Martin and Bernard Shaw as co-chairmen.

SHEET METAL, PAINT AND CREEL JOBS

by Dorsey Devlin

Complying with numerous requests to start a Personality of the Month in this column, we decided to start with the most senior member in the Department.

Personality of the Month: John E. Healey of the Tin Shop needs no introduction, for everyone knows Jack. At the age of 72, Jack this year marked his 38th anniversary in the Whitin Machine Works. From his graduation from the public schools in Whitinsville, until entering the plant at age 34, he worked several years in the gardening field at the Thomas E. Proctor Estate in Topsfield, Mass., and eight years with the G. M. Whitin Estate. While working at the G. M. Whitin Estate, Jack studied surveying, mapping, etc. in an International Correspondence School Course which formed the foundation for his Sheet Metal Work in later years. His service with the Tin Shop has been continuous for the entire 38 years. He has also submitted many valuable suggestions in the shop suggestion program. In 1935, Jack suffered an on-the-job injury, losing all four fingers of his right hand above the first joint. After a short period of convalescence Jack was back on the job performing his regular duties. As a youth, Jack was extremely active in sports, playing as a catcher on the town baseball team. In middle age he took up tennis with marked success and enjoyed playing this sport until reaching 70. Jack's interest in

tennis extended to attending the annual National Doubles Tournament at Longwood, Mass. Jack is currently most interested in all types of sports, current events, and is very active for one of his age.

He married Mary T. Sullivan in 1917 in Manchester, N. H., and resides at 153 East Street, where he has lived for over 30 years. He has one son, John, who is a Commander in the U. S. Navy currently serving on the staff of the Commandant, First Naval District. He also has two grandsons who live in Braintree, Mass.

Foreman Eddie Horan is serving on the federal jury in Boston. His first case was the Leon Kamin case in which he was able to get a close-up real live view of Senator Joseph McCarthy and wife and Roy Cohn. This might have been the shortest trial for the jurors as the Judge called a mistrial due to court conduct and dismissed all the jurors from the case. . . . Joining the new car set are Bobby Campo with a Plymouth and Freddie Stavinski with a Pontiac. . . . The new Sheet Metal Job Bowling League got under way on October 14. Bobby Campo, the organizer of the League, is president; Dorsey Devlin, secretary; and Lucien Paulhus, treasurer. The team roster and captains are as follows:

Yankees: Captain Tony Petrillo, Jim Fisher, Frank Gucfa and Paul Madigar. Tigers: Captain Bobby Campo, Gene Picard, Allan McCrea, and Ray Malley. Pirates: Captain John DeBoer, Charlie Poxon, John Rumonoski and Ralph True. Dodgers: Captain Eddie Horan, Lucien Paulhus, John Halacy and Claude Bolduc. Spare men are Marc Bolduc, Jimmy Gibbons and Dorsey Devlin.

Joe Duhamel has returned to the Creel Job after serving four years in the Air Corps. . . . The welcome mat is out for two newcomers to the paint job, George Vincent and Edmour Jodoin. . . . George Dykstra and wife spent a recent week end on a trip to Fort Ticonderoga in New York. . . . Henry Laviemodiere is back after a long lay-off. . . . George Braman and family have spent their last week end of this year at their summer home in New Hampshire.

Some of the old-time sport fans may get a kick out of the following account which was dug up recently out of a piece of everyday conversation. It was 29 years ago that our own Eddie Nuttall, a real star in these parts as a soccer player, traveled the high seas with a team of Worcester County Allstars to play Worcestershire, England, at Aggborough, Kidderminster. Some interesting excerpts taken from the souvenir program are as follows: "That steps should have been taken to bring the two great English-speaking races more closely together is gratifying to all who strive for 'Peace on Earth.' That football should be selected by the representatives of Worcester, England and Worcester, U.S.A. as the sport more likely to bring the peoples together, is a compliment to the game and to the Football Association."

Eddie tells me that in the five games played the local team was not able to obtain a single victory, but that the trip itself was something he will always remember. He recalled that on the way over, the World Series between the Yankees and Cardinals was underway. He and another buddie roamed the ship from stem to stern looking for a radio and finally located one in the officers' quarters, but as no one in that group had ever heard of the World Series they vacated, and the only news that they were able to get was from newspaper clippings from home. "Mush" Dion, who now works on Department 429, was captain of the Squad. He represented Drapers where he worked at that time.

Jeannette Pouliot, Department 453, become the bride of Alphonse Berthelette at the Good Shepherd Church, Linwood on October 1

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

by Marcel Turgeon

Personality of the Month: Donat S. Roy was born in Armagh, P. Q., Canada on March 14, 1904. After attending school there and working on the farm, he arrived in Northbridge on November 1, 1922, to take up residence. He started to work November 5, 1922, as a packer. When war broke out he went to work on the Magneto Job. When the war ended he went back to packing where he is still working. Donat married Nalda Thibeault of Northbridge in 1925. They have one daughter, Normande, and live on Church Street in Northbridge. For a hobby Donat likes carpentering.

We welcome Christina Lozier and Mary M. Carroll to our fold. . . . Peter Balian, Sr. and Robert W. Stewart have joined the night crew. . . . A pre-nuptial party was held at the Uxbridge Inn in honor of Jeannette Pouliot who became the bride of Alphonse Berthelette on October 1 at the Good Shepherd Church in Linwood. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Armand Turcotte are the proud owners of two pure bred German Shepherd dogs. The first time they took them to a dog show in Windham, Connecticut they took first and second prize. . . . Arthur Langelier, one of our cribbage players, attended the Eastern States Exposition in Springfield. He got to the gate, reached in his pocket to get his wallet, and much to his surprise discovered that he had left his money at home. Thanks to some kind friends he was able to get in. . . . Have you ever heard of anyone painting with sunglasses on??? Earl Racicot on the Packing Job did. . . . Clarence Bisson went to Worcester to buy shoes and, when he got home, he discovered that he did not have two of the same color. . . . Del Duhamel was stranded during his lunch hour because the garage man brought him a car without plates. . . . Happy to see Nancy Britten, Sari Devlin, Alex Potty and Lionel Henault back to work after being out sick. . . . Best wishes for a speedy recovery goes to Aldege Guilbert and Joseph Gregoire who are now recuperating after being in the hospital.

Back in 1923 George Vincent, Department 416, parked his Model T Ford in front of the present Cafeteria site one noontime while he helped his father, Nicholas, sell fruit and candy. The family business, started by Nicholas in 1883, is still carried on by his son Frank

SPINDLE JOB

by John Visbeck and James Robbins

Leon Fletcher of North Uxbridge has been donating his time and talent three nights each week to teaching boys fifteen or more years old the proper handling and use of firearms. This activity is commendable and noteworthy. He has at present three classes: one in North Uxbridge, one in Hopedale, and one in Douglas. The boys are taught the proper care and handling of guns and then are taken to a shooting range where they are allowed to practice marksmanship. As a result the boys become better and safer hunters. Our hats are off to Mr. Fletcher.

We welcome back Gene Racine after an almost three months' absence during which he was beset by illness. . . . Bernard Patsky finds that having a grown son who can drive can be rather expensive. His son had the car so often that Bernard bought another car. Now they both ride in style. . . . While John Visbeck was driving to work his car got a flat tire. John changed the tire only to find out the spare was just as low as the blowout.

We have two anniversaries in October, both on the 23rd and both first-year occasions. They are celebrated by Paul Gagnon and Carroll Gile. Both say married life is wonderful. . . . George Hamm was 36 years old on Columbus Day. A group of his friends sang "Happy Birthday" to him and then greased his nose.

MILLING JOB

by Harry Ludvigson

Merrill True, our personality for this month, is the gentleman to whom we owe thanks for the beautiful flowers on the job during the summer months. Merrill, a setup man, started on the milling job in August of 1933. He has a son, Ralph, who is presently employed in Department 426, and four other children. Anyone passing his house at 94 Main Street in the New Village district, where he lives with his wife and five children, would see a profusion of flowers growing there. In addition to taking care of a large garden and his flowers, he has served as secretary of the Whitin Home Garden Club for several years. Most of his spare time before the Christmas Holiday, he spends making as many as a hundred and fifty wreaths and a hundred or so of centerpieces, in which he uses many of the flowers he grows during the summer. Anyone who has purchased one of these centerpieces will attest to their beauty, and to the pleasure they give, for the flowers he uses last far into the winter months.

Good luck to Paul Mailoux, who left us on September 30th to take up residence in South Windsor, Connecticut, where he has bought a home, and will work with his brother Ralph at the Valley Tool Co. . . . Many happy returns of the day to Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Bouchard who celebrated their thirteenth wedding anniversary on September 19 at their home 15 Oliver Street, in Milford, where they live with their two children, Robert, 8 years old and Stephan age 3. "Will" as we all know him, started with us as an Inspector in April, 1947 and at the present time is Supervisor of Inspection of Department 416. As for hobbies, he likes to play a little golf at times, a game in which he claims to be just an average "Duffer." He also likes to spend an occasional evening and a little? cash at the dog races at Taunton. He was a former pitcher with the Club Marquette of Woonsocket, R. I., and the Norton Company of Worcester, both of which were well-known semi-pro baseball teams a few years ago. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Romeo Surprenant celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary, October 17th at their home on Main Street in Harrisville, R. I. They have two sons and one daughter, all married, and three grandchildren. Previous to coming to Whitin in September of this year Romeo worked at Indian Orchard, Massachusetts and spent only week ends at his home in Harrisville. He has lived in that town for 35 years. He is a volunteer fireman with Company No. 1 in Harrisville, and also is a Special Officer with the Burrillville, R. I. Police Department.

Annie Heerdt is very anxious to learn to drive that new "Chevy" her husband recently purchased. . . . Five-year service pins have been received by Aime Rainville, Paul Dufresne, LaForest Lunt, Lucien Benoit, and Albert Desjardin. . . . We bid a hearty welcome to the following who have joined us in the past month: Agnes Cawley and Anna Carlson from Department 428; Apprentices Richard Jette and Robert Nydam; Gerald Duval, Robert Towle, Armand Bernier, Wilfred Beaulieu, Romeo Surprenant, Lucien Mercure, Lucien Bergeron, Armand LaBrecque, William Bent, Joseph Caicoine, Henry Giguere, Thomas Demos, Joseph Jacques, Edward Squires, and Joseph Mousette.

GENERAL MACHINING

by Ken Harrington and A. R. Frueh

Bill Smith must have another fishing trip up his sleeve as the calendar is getting quite a scanning lately. Speaking of fishing, we understand Henry Nelson bought a 14-foot boat lately. As of this writing he hasn't gotten around to launching it.

We want to welcome Francis Bellerose, an apprentice, to the job and hope he enjoys working with us during his short stay. . . . "Red" McNaul, our automotive expert, must have his puddlejumper working pretty well now. . . . Eddy Krajewski and Lionel Grondines received awards for suggestions improving production methods Eddy received $8.00 while Lionel received $5.00. . . . Best wishes to Arthur Ashworth and Lionel Grondines who were born this month. . . . Felicitations to George Cartier who is celebrating his 20th wedding anniversary this month. Leo Mullen and Lionel Grondines are also celebrating anniversaries this month. . . . We send Lucy Ross, our timekeeper, our sympathy for her recent illness. . . . Forman Oliver Baker presented Reynold "Butch" Boucher and Joe Grenon of the drill section with their five-year pins. . . . The "Oscar" was awarded to Art Ashworth this month. Art has the honor of being one of the few to hold this award twice in succession. . . . The members of 423A welcome Leo Mullen to the fold. Leo has a job on the Mono-Matics.

PLANER AND PUNCH JOBS

by Albert Cencak and Ray Woodcome

Barbara Siepietowski is back at the timekeeper's desk replacing her replacement Betty Ranslow. Betty was out because of sickness in her family. She is now back at work at the Linwood Mill. Everyone in the department wishes that everyone at her home gets well in a hurry and that Betty will soon join us again. . . . We had a little celebration here in the department Columbus Day. It took an Englishman to start it off and an Italian to finish it. The question is, "Should the Italians work on Columbus Day?" . . . Well, the World Series turned out fine for the department. It seems there are no Yankee fans here. If there are, they were mighty quiet. . . . Red White has a new Plymouth. If these rains continue, he may buy an Army duck and run ferry service from New Village to the Shop. . . . Bill Baszner was installed as faithful navigator of the fourth degree Knights of Columbus by Bishop O'Reilly, Assembly of Worcester. Installation was at Mumford Hall in Whitinsville.

The whooping and yelling that you hear in the morning is the sleepy-heads alarm. This alarm goes off automatically whenever anyone walks into the department late. It keeps up until the man finally punches in. . . . André Labbe has the honor of being the first man to lose his dime in the milk machine. Didn't even get a tilt or any music either.

We welcome the following newcomers: Apprentice Albert Cencak, Stella Stavinski, Leo Dufault, Philip Tjaarda, and Walter Szocik. . . . Louis Pieleski is still out with injuries. We wish him a rapid recovery.

Oscar Martin has been transferred to 421 Inspection. . . . We are all sorry to hear that Ernest DeSalvos' house burned down.

RING JOB

by Robert E. Balcome

It's the consensus of opinion that the scenery in New England is more beautiful at this time of year than the scenery elsewhere. . . . Pete Kooistra visited his son in Paterson, New Jersey, and your reporter and wife went to Maplewood, N. J. during the past two weeks and can vouch for the above statement. . . . Ray Pariseau, ex-Ring-Jobber and son of Alphonse, is recuperating from a motorcycle accident in which an arm and leg were broken. . . . Gert Ebbeling takes no chances with anything. She rolls her fence up and takes it into the cellar to paint it. No rain or damp weather will stop her. . . . Joe Witek officially released 136 pheasants for the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club. When last seen they were heading for Douglas.

Alphonse Turgeon lost a World Series wager and was supposed to operate a wheelbarrow filled with Al Blanchette down Church Street, but with only two hands he couldn't hold an umbrella and operate the thing, so it didn't come to pass. . . . Everett Gaspar and Colbert Fontaine are both driving new cars we notice. . . . Francis LaFlamme is our new degreaser and incidentally, an expectant father. Hope he comes through O.K. . . . Bill Malley, horse expert, has just traded two horses. . . . Gertrude Boucher recently attended a knick knack party. Something new!

Birthday Greetings to Archie Handfield, Ainta Baumier and Joseph Plouffe. . . . Anniversary Greetings to Albert Roy who celebrated his 35th wedding day on October 6, which is also your reporter's anniversary. . . . Thanksgiving Day is nearly here with Christmas not far away. Let us all be thankful that we are able to enjoy those God-given pleasures and surroundings with which we and our land are endowed.

STEEL FABRICATION AND CUT-OFF JOBS

by Maurice Valois

As I write this column, on my left are seated two "great" musicians. Their rendition of popular songs is strictly out of this world. Playing the harmonica is Rene Rock and on a makeshift barrel head drum is Francis Finn, who also gives out with the vocal chords. Never a dull moment, even during lunch hour, on 432. . . . Mike Bodnar just celebrated his 24th birthday (all young employees on 432). Wedding anniversary congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Roy, their 18th. . . . Welcome to John P. Wojcik, Gus Vanhouwe, Robert Rutana and Dino Vetri. Incidentally, Dino's wife is Charlotte of Tom Hamilton's Supply Room office. . . . Some of our men have been transferred: Bill Brown is now on 412; Eugene Gervais is now on 441, and Donald Gould has left. . . . Frank Tingley is driving a new '55 Ford. Arthur J. Mercier is making his own trailer, getting ready for the 1956 vacation period. He plans to spend it fishing. . . . New faces at our West Gate entrance on the first shift, M. F. Sampson; second shift, James Cahill; and on third shift, Philias Fregeau. All are plant security personnel and doing a good job. . . . Robert Anderson of 410's spring fabricating section should make a good subject for a "feature" in a future issue of the SPINDLE. Bob is a connoisseur of wire springs and does a most amazing job with the wires. Tom "Tonto" Pottie is still on 432 as a shipper. We almost lost him through a departmental transfer.

If your name hasn't been mentioned here, don't lose hope, it will be!

METAL PATTERNS

by Bill Prior

We regret the departures of Louis Stimpson and Ed Benoit. We wish them well in their new undertakings. . . . Francis Spratt certainly appreciates that the windows in our department have been cleaned. . . . Joe Prior, a real Yankee fan, had his troubles over the Brooklyn victory. . . . Bob Caston is our new hobbyist. He has a new pair of binoculars, so the boys say he is going to be a bird watcher. Well, that's something different on this job, to say the least. . . . Dick Zibell, our office clerk, tells all motorists to watch out for the tree stumps on Douglas Road. Seems Dick lost all the underparts of his car's front end. Joe Prior and Henry Forget were all set for their hunting trip as of November 1. They went deer hunting. Bob Caston said he wouldn't go with them for pay. . . . Harold Oakes, out for a week's vacation, enjoyed beautiful weather.

LINWOOD MILL

by Louise Sohigian and Wilbur Baird

We wish many years of success and happiness to Harry Jackson who retired after many years of service. . . . We wish a speedy recovery to Foreman Louis Hanson who is out sick. . . . We extend a hearty welcome to Betty Ranslow who has joined our office staff, and to Charles Atteridge and David Poole. . . . Albert Dix has returned from Florida after attending the legion convention and, from what we have heard, he sure had a grand time. . . . A birthday candle was lit last month for Ruth Todd. . . . Harry Malkasian has returned to work after a ten-week absence due to illness.

Harry Jackson, Department 451, retired on September 30, 1955, after working here since January of 1915. Byron Deane, Assistant Foreman, presented him with a purse, the gift of his fellow workers

GRINDER JOB

by Betty Ann Feen

The welcome mat is out this month for William Cadieux, Paul Allard, George Bouley, Marcel Beausoliel, Vinson Beadles, Joseph Salemi, and George Cote who returned to us from Department 429. . . . Birthday greetings for the month of November are extended to Charles Barney, Ambrose Luchini, Walter Solina, Bill Such, Roland LaFontaine and Elmo Pickering. Best wishes. . . . Anniversary greetings for the month of November are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Luchini, their 43rd; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Buma, their 36th; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Vallee, their 22nd; and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Solina, their 10th. Many happy returns of the day.

I was very glad to hear that no one had any serious damage during the August 19 flood. It was a very terrible disaster and we can call ourselves very fortunate. . . . Ray Roy, Ray Fitton, Bill Markarian and Frank Mancini went on an outing to Point Judith on October 1. They had the real Armenian shishkebab with Bill Markarian at the fire. A good meal and time was had by all.

BOX JOB

by Alice Travaille

On October 7, Joe Lemieux retired after 29 years of service at Whitin. We wish him many happy years of leisure with his hobbies of gardening and woodworking, especially his pipe-making. Always a gentleman, good-natured, and a willing worker, he will be greatly missed. . . . Ralph Nolet will be a little more careful about the things he says in the future, because it was costly recently. On October 11 his children remarked that they had no school the following day, so Ralph joined in with the remark that he had no work either. So, comes the dawn and no alarm goes off—his wife who overheard him, and believed him, didn't set the alarm. . . . Belated wishes are extended to Joe Lemieux, and Benny Oles for their October birthdays, and Joe Labrecque and his wife for their October anniversary. For November, Al Kapolka celebrates a birthday, as does Joe Labrecque. . . . Back again are Ralph Nolet and Benny Oles, and to help out with our rush are Lionel Parenteau of 428 and Joe Duhamel and Albert Grillo of 442. Glad to have all these men and hope they like our department.

COST DEPARTMENT

by Dick Hanny and Pauline Hagan

Personality of the Month: Charles Garabedian, an assistant group leader in the department, is very well versed in the "costing" of spindles, bolsters, and standard parts. He was born in Whitinsville and graduated from Northbridge High School in 1929. Two years later he received his diploma from Becker Junior College in Worcester. Charlie has spent twenty-five years in the Whitin Machine Works, ten in the Cost Department. He is married to the former Sadie Madanjian from Newton and is the father of two children, Charles, Jr. and Martha Ann. Charlie has been very active in the Parent-Teacher Association in which he at present holds the office of treasurer. He has the unusual hobby of collecting maps from all over the country. This hobby developed from a six-week extensive tour of the United States which took Charlie and his brothers and sisters through thirty-two of the forty-eight states. Some of the real scenic sights that Charlie highly recommends to fellow travelers are the giant redwoods of California, the beautiful Columbia River drive in Oregon and Washington, and the breathtaking Rocky Mountains. Although Charlie enjoys traveling our nation's highways, he also cherishes the quiet evenings at home with his family. If anyone reading this article is planning a trip to the West Coast, it would be well worth his time to consult Charlie for he could advise them as to the best possible routes and the many highlights to be seen in the good old U.S.A.

Here we are again to kick off the football season with a few news items from the department. . . . Most of the girls from the office attended a double shower for Shirley Hinchliffe and Trudy Beaulac at the Colonial Club in Webster. "Phyl" McQuilkin was on hand to add her wit and gayety to the festivities, and Helen Cotter took her usual place at the keyboard to provide music for dancing and fun for all. . . . We feel sure that winter is about to set in when we see Jim Shaw lay aside his golf clubs for a bowling ball. Jim adds his score to the "Hornet" team in the Trinity Church League. . . . Some of the men from the office are endeavoring to increase their knowledge and value to the Company by attending the weekly N.A.C.A. meetings every Monday night at Clark University. . . . Congratulations are extended to Norman Deragon for another suggestion award. . . . We welcome Lillian Follett back to the fold after an extended leave.

Eve Lundberg is getting up in the world, we are told; that is, she has moved up to the third floor in her apartment building. . . . We hope that, by the time this issue rolls off the press, Joe Platukis' son will have recovered from his recent battle with polio at Worcester Memorial Hospital. . . . Margaret Crosby and Roland Farrar and their families were among the fortunate visitors to the Eastern States Exposition who did not fall victims to the ptomaine attack at the fair. We are glad that their outings did not end in disaster. . . . Shirley McNamara accompanied her husband, who was chairman of the affair, to the annual K. of C. Ball at the Uxbridge Veterans Memorial Gymnasium. . . . Howard Anderson has been named treasurer of the Methodist Men's Club. . . . Plans are being started for our annual office Christmas party, and we feel sure with Shirley McNamara, Ann Wojtalik, Jim Shaw, and Dick Hanny on the committee that the affair promises to be a huge success. . . . Ken Crossman has finally forsaken his faithful old Pontiac for a '53 Oldsmobile.

Robert Lowson, who began work here in June, 1912, retired September 30, 1955. His associates gave him a purse. The presentation was made by Foreman Eino Johnson

Shown holding his daughter Martha Ann, Charles Garabedian is the Cast Department personality of the month. Charles, who likes to travel, collects maps as a hobby

Ray Colby and Telex Richard recently attended the plant visitation at Norton's sponsored by the Worcester Chapter of the N.A.C.A. They terminated an interesting tour of the new modern plant with dinner at the Hickory House followed by lectures given by members of the Norton engineering staff. . . . Ann Wojtalik and Florence LeBeau are becoming quite adept in the art of ceramics since starting the course under the supervision of Mrs. Chester Wallis of East Douglas. Such enthusiasm shall certainly be rewarded by many treasured "works of art."

Birthdays: Simone Grenier, Anna Thibault, Roscoe Knight, Joe Krol, Leo Imondi, and Al Destrempes. . . . Anniversaries: Ken and Ruth Crossman, their 24th; Henry and Mary Lawton, their 19th; Howard and Isabelle Anderson, their 10th; Joe and Annette Krol, their 6th; and Oscar and Vivian Erickson, their 19th.

PAYROLL COMPUTATION, MACHINE ACCOUNTING, BUDGETS, STATEMENTS AND TIMEKEEPING

by Bob English

Jim Burke, internal auditor, returned from a trip to Rochester, New York and also Chicago where he introduced and checked accounting procedure in connection with the opening of branch offices for the Whitin Business Equipment Corporation. . . . Isabelle Kasparian of Statements filled in for Shirley (Hinchliffe) Sweet, Controller's Office, for a two-week period while Shirley was on her honeymoon. Isabelle was presented her 10-year pin by her supervisor, Fred Garcelon. . . . We welcome Sharon Conlin to Machine Accounting, also Carolyn Schaapman and Dorothy Farrar to Payroll Computation. . . . Constance Hazebrouck, after a short internship in Payroll, has transferred to Whitin Business Equipment Division. . . . Irene Marteka and Nancy Todd of Machine Accounting and "friends" enjoyed the foliage on the Mohawk Trail the week end of October 8. The "friends" evidently were on standard time as the girls were kept waiting on departure for one hour. . . . Due to a power failure on the morning of October 12, Ann Sprott of Payroll, was delayed in the elevator. . . . Birthday greetings for October: Isabelle Kasparian, Phyllis McQuilkin, Vicky Roy, Sharon Conlin, and M. F. Thompson. . . . Ruth Kellaher has returned after her fall vacation. The Timekeeping Division has added the following personnel: John Pilla, Dept. 436 (2nd shift); John Riley, Dept. 439 (2nd shift); Claudette Boucher, Dept. 411; John Kelley, Dept. 404; and Bud Willard, Dept. 412 (2nd shift).

Personality of the Month: Edith Allen of Payroll Computation has been with Whitin for 13 years. She makes her home in West Upton, where she claims to grow the largest Blue Hubbard Squash in Worcester County. Edith is the widow of Charles Allen, who formerly taught in the WMW Apprentice School and also was a designer in the Engineering Department. Edith is a graduate of Northbridge High School and Boston University. She has two sons, Clayton and Philip, and a daughter, Barbara (Mrs. Theodore Fowler). Clayton has a Ph.D. from Penn State College and makes his home in Wellesley. He is connected with Bolt, Beranek & Newman Consulting Laboratory in Cambridge. Philip, also a Penn State graduate, is an electronics engineer with the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington. Seven grandchildren are Mrs. Allen's pride and joy, one of whom has entered The School of Mines & Metallurgy of Missouri State College this semester. The automobile business which she owned and operated for 15 years was Mrs. Allen's big hobby. She also operated a tea room at Plummers Corner. Edith sings in the Congregational Church choir in Upton and has an interest in the Bell Ringers' group, also of Upton. She enjoys photography, dressmaking, gardening, and tutors in languages and mathematics. She first worked with Whitin in the Magneto Department as a time clerk during World War II. She then transferred into Payroll where her job consists of auditing all clock cards, in addition to several other responsible duties. She also works part of each week for Charlie Peix. She leads an active and interesting life with a wealth of vitality.

Paul F. Campbell, paratraaper, is with the 77th Special Farces Graup, Airborne. The green beret is worn anly by tap graduates af Jump School

Edith Allen, Payrall personality, during her spare time tutors students in languages and mathematics

PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

by Marge Newton and Tad Wallace

Personality of the Month: It is our pleasure to have Sal Tumolo as our personality this month. A lifelong resident of Milford Sal came to work in the Whitin Machine Works in June of 1947. Sal is a central planner with several departments under his capable control and anyone who works with him will tell you of his very friendly qualities and his willingness to be cooperative and helpful at all times. A World War II veteran, he spent 43 months in the Army, a year of which was spent in Germany. Sal has many interests, not the least of these being his sons Richard, age 5½ years, and John Michael, age 1½ years. Sal and his wife, the former Mary Ann Osachuk, own their own home at 37 Oliver Street in Milford. When Sal is not busily engaged in working around his home, he can be found following his favorite pastimes, fishing and golfing. He is also a fine barber and has plied this trade full or part time for nearly 23 years. He tells us that he started his apprenticeship in barbering at the very tender age of 12 and is still in demand in shops in Milford. In the event that you may be interested, there will not be any cut rates nor will he cut hair during his lunch hour. It has been a nice experience trying to make you better acquainted with a real nice person, Sal Tumolo.

MYSTERY PHOTO—On the left is, of course, Pete Young of Comber Erecting. The two brothers shown as this month's mystery ore both residents in this orea, ond the brother on the right is well known in the Shop. The picture wos token fifty yeors ogo

New employees in the office at the moment are Merle Balcome, formerly of Unadilla, Georgia and now an East Douglas resident; Walter Perda of Woonsocket, and Olive (Lash) Donatelli. Merle is currently working for George Turner in the Production-Pickup Determination Section; Walter is working for the Master Route Section and Ollie is working on the night shift. Hearty welcome to each of them. We also extend our welcome to Dave Picard, Jr. (who is back to work with the expediters after three years in the Army, two of which were spent in Ethiopia) and to Roy Swanson, former planner at Department 446 who has been transferred to the office to work with Dick Walker. . . . We sincerely hope that by the time you are reading this issue of the SPINDLE our good friend Ray Kucharski will be fully mended and back to work again. Ray has been out several weeks with the recurrence of a very painful back condition and I know that I echo the wish of every one of Ray's many friends when I wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

This is the family of Sal Tumolo, Production Department personality. Mrs. Mory Tumolo watches os son Richord drows o beod on the torget pointed out by his brother John Michoel

It was our hope that we could report the outcome of the championship golf match featuring the teams of Bill Kearnan and Ted Bisson which was to have been played on the Thompson Course on Saturday, October 15. The rains came, so we will have to wait until next month for the details. Both captains are pretty confident and much interest has been shown in this event. . . . Incidentally, while speaking of the popular Thompson Course the eight forlorn (and wet) figures seen furtively stealing away from there on Saturday, October 8 (in a torrential downpour) were not as you may have thought, frogmen. Indeed they were not! It was Vic Romasco, Bill Kearnan, Charlie Malkasian, Jim Kane, Bill Walsh, Tom Cawley, Ray "I'll belt it a mile" Young, and Tad Wallace. Luckily they are all swimmers or some of them might not have gotten back to the clubhouse. On this same day Bill Walsh demonstrated a new "follow-thru" swing when, on the sixth tee, he wound up, swung mightily at the ball, missed it, let the club go flying up in the trees over the head of opponent Ray Young. "Look out" yelled Tom Cawley as the club came hurtling down, nearly decapitating Ray. Needless to say, it was on that hole that the match officially ended. . . . It is nice to report that our bowling team is at present tied for third place in the Shop League—very good. The success of this team is due (so I am told) to two factors. One is that former manager Jack Gilchrist says he can now devote all of his time to the business of bowling without the worry of the ever-present administrative duties, and factor two is that new manager Andy Magill claims that the change of managers has the team in "high gear." At any rate, this is a much improved team over last season and with a little luck they can be right up there in contention all the way. Our team this year along with Andy and Jackie are as follows: Freddie Cowburn, Mike Marker, Mike Ezzo, and Siep Frieswick.

Several Red Sox fans have asked me to make an announcement to the effect that in response to a certain reporter's reference (in the September issue) to "crying towels," these Red Sox fans have accumulated a rather goodly supply of this commodity over the years and that they will be most happy to send as many as might be required to Storesroom 25 if that is to be regarded as the official distribution point. In fact, these generous followers of Tom Yawkey have further indicated that there will be no charge for the service and that the towels need not be returned. . . . Although there is nothing definite at this moment, we are also asked to announce that the plans for the Office Christmas party are now being made and that someone will be around soon to ask you to go. If you can go, we know you will have a grand time as this is a fine party.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

by Connie Duggan

The welcome mat is out this month for Bernard Kula and Henry Myott. Bernard makes his home in Woonsocket, R. I., and formerly worked for the Hemphill Co. in Pawtucket, R. I. Henry Myott comes from North Carolina and is a recent graduate of North Carolina State College. . . . Flora McGaw was awarded her ten-year pin last month, and Bob McCallum was awarded his fifteen-year pin. Mr. Sigurd Helland made the presentations. . . . Joseph Branigan attended Governor Herter's dinner party honoring President Dwight D. Eisenhower's birthday at Commonwealth Armory in Boston. There were four thousand five hundred and twenty-three people present. Two of the many speakers were Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., and Honorable George Humphrey. . . . The boys from the Synthetic Yarn Division attended a housewarming party for the Ed Desjourdys at their new home on Goldthwaite Road in Whitinsville. . . . Lloyd Rose left for work in a hurry one morning. When lunch time came around and he opened his lunch bag he found about fifty plastic toy horses instead of sandwiches.

FOUNDRY PRODUCTION CONTROL OFFICE

by Earl Briggs

The "welcome mat" goes out this month to Bill Healey and Bob Ferry. Bill is section planner on the Bench Section and came to us from Department 406. Bob Ferry, section planner on the Squeezer Section, was transferred from Foundry Timekeeping. . . . On September 30, Tony Mancini received a wallet and key case set from his fellow employees with their best wishes

for his future success in the retail shoe business. Tony has been replaced in Foundry Wage Standards by Earl Briggs, formerly of Foundry Production. . . . Congratulations to Thelma Daubney and Roy Goding, both of Foundry Timekeeping, on receiving their five-year service pins. May they both see a "zero" on the end of that five some day. . . . Taken from the John Woods Show—"People who are always blowing their own horn must be in a constant fog."

MAIN OFFICE

by Marlene Willard and Gloria Frabotta

Let's begin this month by attempting to trace the travels of those in our office who suffered a severe case of wanderlust. First of all, Margie McCallum traveled to Canada where she vacationed during October. George Kellstrand was another member of the office who enjoyed the beauties of Northern New England and Canada in October. Gwennie Searles was visited by her sister from New York during her one week's vacation, and enjoyed a couple of days of sightseeing in New Hampshire, while Agnes DeYoung spent a few days in New York City. Those of our office who enjoyed two restful weeks at their homes where Edna Bergquist and Arthur Vincent. Another traveler, however not a vacationer, was Jesse Loredo, who flew to Mexico on business.

We welcome Edwin Richmond who has come to us from Philadelphia, and who is now working in the Foreign Department. . . . Has the solution to good bowling been found? Ask Gert Barlow who bowled one evening in her slippers, and as a result made the score of 98 for one string. As our column goes to press, the following is a list of our league standings:

MAIN OFFICE BOWLING LEAGUE

Standings

	Wins	*Losses*
Team #4 (Marion Bosma).....	8	0
Team #1 (Ann McDonald).....	7	1
Team #2 (Chris Bosma).....	1	7
Team #3 (Fran Guertin).....	0	8

Happy birthday greetings go out this month to Julie McDonough, Muriel Boyko, and J. J. Foley, and sincere anniversary wishes to Evelyn McNamara, Julie McDonough, Muriel Boyko, and Mary Gallehaw. Your reporters apologize for omitting to wish "Happy Birthday" for the month of October to Esther Anderson, Tom Crawford, Gordon Spence and Arthur Vincent.

With Thanksgiving just a little over a week away, we would like to take this opportunity to express to you our deep desire that this day might be one of giving thanks for our many blessings.

Francis Joslin of Department 401, was married to Violet Santosuosso of Rockford, Illinois on November 7, 1955 at St. Patrick's Church in Whitinsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Wild were married on August 20 in the Blessed Sacrament Church, Providence. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Stella Nowak of Department 451

To Matt Krajewski, General Machining, and Mrs. Krajewski, a daughter, weight 7 lbs. 7 oz., at Woonsocket Hospital on September 22.

To Arthur Roireau, Inspection, and Mrs. Roireau, a son, Arthur Raymond II, weight 8 lbs., at Hahnemann Hospital on August 26.

To Matt Pulnik and Mrs. Pulnik, a daughter, Diane, weight 8 lbs. 4 oz., at Milford Hospital on October 13.

To Edward Vadenais, Department 410, and Mrs. Vadenais, a son, Edward Arthur, weight 9 lbs. at Woonsocket Hospital on September 22.

To Raymond Duhamel, Department 416, and Mrs. Duhamel, a daughter, Susan Marie, at Woonsocket Hospital on September 18.

To Raymond Dion, Department 416, and Mrs. Dion, a daughter, Theresa Jane, at Whitinsville Hospital on September 24.

To John Nydam, Research Division, and Mrs. Nydam, a daughter, Cynthia Lou, weight 7 lbs. 8 oz., at Whitinsville Hospital on October 12.

To John Baker, Apprentice Director, and Mrs. Baker, a son, Douglas, weight 9 lbs. 12 oz., at the Whitinsville Hospital on October 17.

To Harmon and Mrs. Miedema, a son, Harmon, Jr., born October 13 in Whitinsville Hospital, weight 8 lbs. 4 oz.

Now the labourer's task is o'er;
Now the battle day is past;
Now upon the farther shore
Lands the voyager at last.
Father, in Thy gracious keeping
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping.

John Ellerton

Their friends and associates extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved

Family and friends of Audrey Todd who died October 17. Mrs. Todd was supervisor of Payroll Computation for 15 years and had been a Whitin employee for 26 years.

Friends and survivors of Michael Prymak who died September 16.

Family and friends of Armand J. Larochelle, 38, of 33 East Street, Whitinsville, who died September 21. A disabled veteran of World War II, he was employed in the Annealing Department.

Survivors and friends of George E. Bonner, 57, of 16 Sayles Street, Uxbridge, who died at his home on September 22. A native of Quebec and for 36 years an Uxbridge resident, he was a grinder operator at the Whitin Machine Works.

Friends and brothers of George E. Witcher, 65, World War I veteran and retired master plumber, who died at Whitinsville Hospital on October 12. Prior to his retirement he was foreman of the Plumbing Department where he worked for 45 years.

Friends and family of Onnig Mooradian, 60, of 152½ Church Street, who died at the Memorial Hospital on October 5. A native of Harpoot, Armenia, until two years ago he was employed in the Foundry.

Survivors and friends of Armand A. St. Andre, 38, of Main Street, East Douglas, who died at Whitinsville Hospital on September 23. A veteran of World War II who was active in veteran affairs, he was buried with full military burial honors.

Friends and relatives of Sahag Hoogasian, 66, of 14 Elm Street, Whitinsville, who died in Whitinsville Hospital on September 20. Born in Turkey, he was, prior to his retirement, a Whitin employee for 31 years.

William Larochelle on the death of his brother.

Julius Vierstra on the death of his mother.

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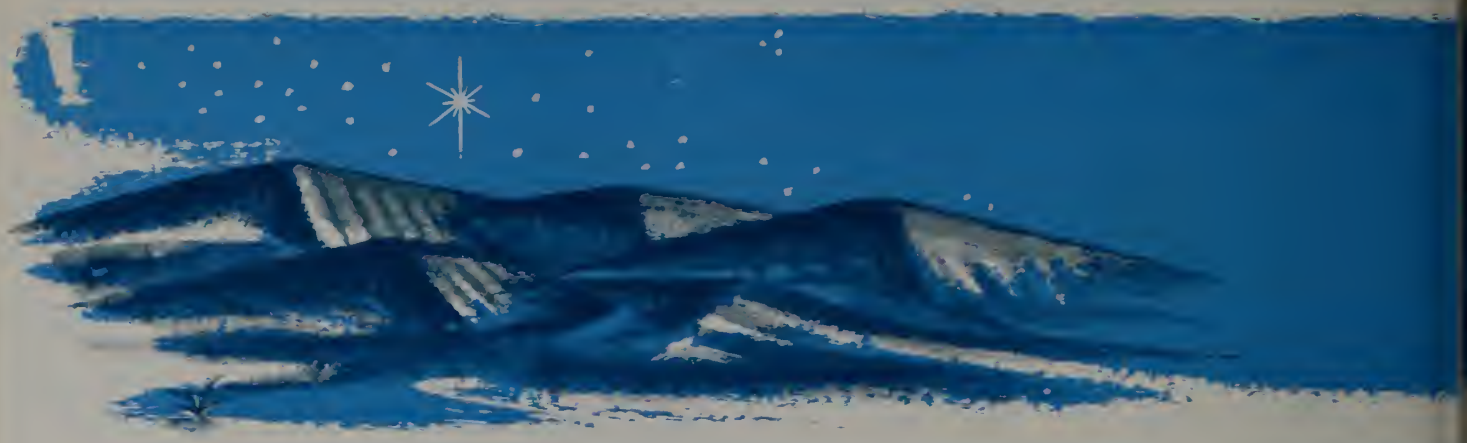

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT at Christmas Time

TIME SPEEDS BY and suddenly it is again my pleasant privilege to extend to you the greetings of this happy season. May each and every one of you have a Joyous Christmas, followed by a year of prosperity and contentment.

Last year when I wrote my letter our business was at an unusually low ebb but there were signs of a possible pickup ahead. As you know, we were able to sell a substantial quantity of machinery during the year—at very unsatisfactory prices, to be sure, but these orders allowed us to give increased and more steady employment throughout the year. Many of these orders will be completed in another month or two and, unless additional business comes in promptly, our activity will decline sharply. We do feel that the prospects for additional orders are good, but I would be something less than honest if I gave you assurance that employment would continue at the current high level. Let us say that it is something for which we hope, but cannot guarantee. Before the year is over we probably will be in production on our new Whitin Offset Duplicator which will add to our volume.

We have seen several changes take place in the course of the year. One such change was the sale of Castle Hill Farm by the Whitin Machine Works to Garelick Brothers. The farm, for several years, had been running at a loss. Even the milk sales in the Shop would not make up the deficit. It must be remembered that it was originally started to provide guaranteed tubercular free raw milk to the community at a time before pasteurization was general and when it was felt that infants, particularly, should have unpasteurized milk. Almost all milk, including that from Castle Hill Farm, is now pasteurized and there are many excellent dairy farms in the neighborhood. It is very easy to see, therefore, that there was no longer any reason for our operating a dairy farm.

All profits derived from the sale of milk in the plant will be turned over to the Gymnasium to help reduce their annual deficit. In addition to this, as you certainly will have observed, we have installed Coca-Cola machines throughout the plant, and the profit from the sale of Coca-Cola is going entirely to the Gymnasium. The profit from the candy machines always has gone there. In other words, the Whitin Machine Works will not gain one single penny by these innovations. On the contrary, the cost of the power consumed by these automatic vending

machines will be borne by the Whitin Machine Works. We hope that an ample supply of both milk and Coca-Cola, readily available, will help to make your working hours more enjoyable.

Perhaps a word about the Gymnasium is indicated at this point. The Gymnasium, of course, was built by the four Whitin sisters, Mrs. Lawrence M. Keeler, Mrs. E. Kent Swift, Mrs. Sydney R. Mason and Mrs. W. Carey Crane, in memory of their father, George Marston Whitin. A certain amount of money has been appropriated from time to time by them and others, and by the Whitin Machine Works, as an endowment fund. Like everything else, the cost of running the Gymnasium has increased very materially over a period of years. The endowment and income from memberships does not and never has been sufficient to pay the operating expenses of the Gym. The Gymnasium is a community affair and, while the Whitin Machine Works is willing to contribute generously toward its support, we feel that the townspeople should do a little more toward making this a co-operative enterprise.

The Northbridge Agencies, frankly at our request, have included $7000 in their budget to go toward the support of the Gym, and the balance required (and it will be substantial) will be made up by the Whitin Machine Works. I think there has been a feeling in Town that, through some magic, probably with a little support from "the Family," the Gymnasium has been getting along all right. The deficit, which has always been substantial, has been made up each year by the Whitin Machine Works, and, because we feel so strongly that the Gymnasium is a real asset to the Town, we will continue this practice.

On the subject of the Northbridge Agencies, our Town has a well deserved nation-wide reputation for generosity, with the result that many national charities increase their Northbridge quotas every year, often when they are decreasing them in surrounding towns. I personally do not feel that your generosity should thus be abused, and I am very happy to see the Northbridge Agencies become the major, accredited charity raising organization in the Town of Northbridge. They are trying to have nearly all national drives channeled through their organization so that there will be fewer fund raising drives. It seems so much better to concentrate all charity giving, insofar as possible, into one package. This is being done more and more in various communities throughout the country. As individuals you and I are not in a position to know whether all charity requests come from worthwhile organizations. However, if the Northbridge Agencies sponsors an organization, we can be sure that it has been investigated and the cause that it represents has been found worthy.

During the year the Whitin Machine Works sold more of their tenements, and, ultimately, still more will be sold. A community of home owners means more interest in town affairs, greater independence for the individual, and certainly an increased feeling of security.

Mother Nature was inclined to play tricks on us locally during this last year, what with threats of hurricanes and one very disastrous flood. Compared to other companies, the Whitin Machine Works was extremely fortunate. Nevertheless, you will be interested to know that the flood damage cost the Shop about a quarter of a million dollars, and there is no insurance against flood damage. The splendid spirit shown by everyone during this emergency was unusual, and I want to thank you for the way you pitched in to help us clean up afterward, as well as for the preventive measures taken before and during the emergency. As a matter of fact, I wish to thank all of you for your very hearty help and co-operation during the past rather trying year, and I am sure I can count upon its continuance in the years to come.

Again, a Very Merry Christmas and a most Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

J. Hugh Bolton

President

About 300 members of the Safety Organization listened to President J. Hugh Bolton's remarks on the safety program and on business prospects for the coming year

"SAFETY IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN—

A Smile and a Tear"

IMAGINE a line of ambulances, bumper to bumper, reaching from New York to Chicago! Into each are crowded six workers injured on the job. This picture will give you some idea of the number of workers in American industry who are injured each year.

At the Safety Dinner, in the Cafeteria, on October 24, Mr. J. C. Rankine, Chairman of the Whitin Safety Committee, gave the specific, appalling totals of the maimed as well as the dead. Reading from the National Safety Council's reports he informed the assembly that:

There were 90,000 accidental deaths in 1954. Of this total, 11,200 were industrial deaths. All types of accidental injuries in 1954 totaled 9,050,000 which included industrial injuries of 1,750,000. The economic loss was almost ten billion dollars—to be exact $9,800,000,000.

Mr. Rankine reported that Whitin's record of safety in 1954 was better than the average in the Special Machinery Division as reported by the National Safety Council. He urged that continued and greater emphasis be placed on the wearing of goggles, on the proper lifting and handling of materials, and on good housekeeping. He urged members of the Safety Organization to be alert and to see that operators of machines work in a safe, orderly manner.

Mr. J. Hugh Bolton, called upon to address the meeting, gave his earnest and wholehearted support to the work of our Safety Organization. According to his custom, Mr. Bolton went on to report about business conditions at Whitin. He stated that generally our business is fairly good at this time, but that it is spotty. For example, although there are a number of Pickers to build and orders for Cotton Spinning machinery are good, Worsted Roving and Cotton Roving orders are only fair in quantity, while the Woolen Department has

sold quite a few sets of Cards and Wool Spinning Frames, and generally, a fairly substantial level of business has been attained. Whitin has orders to keep the plant busy through January, but unless more orders are received shortly our business will start to decline early next year. At this writing Mr. Bolton is on a two weeks' trip in the South to get an idea of present textile conditions and to stimulate buying by our customers.

Erik Pierson, Works Manager, reviewed the safety problems with which Whitin is confronted and summed up safety with a definition which needs no elaboration: "Safety Is the Difference Between a Smile and a Tear."

Mr. John Cunningham, General Superintendent, congratulated the members of the Safety Organization on their improved safety record and encouraged them to continue the good work. He spoke of the many employee safety suggestions which improved the program when put into action.

Mr. Melvin McCully, representative of the Paige Foundation, paid tribute not only to Management and the Safety Organization but also to the thousands of safe and sane workers of the Whitin Machine Works for another successful year safety-wise. He stated that the combination of everyone's efforts has made Whitin a still finer, a still safer, and a still happier place in which to work. At the conclusion of his speech, Mr. McCully congratulated everyone and wished him continued success in this and the years to come.

Mr. P. B. Walker spoke on the fire hazards which are ever present in the plant. He thanked the Safety Organization for its cooperation during the past year and encouraged them to continue the good work.

Entertainment was provided by the Whitin Male Glee Club and by professional entertainers from Boston.

Above: Safety Committee Chairman J. C. Rankine, while reporting that Whitin's 1954 record of safety was good, called for continued and greater emphasis on the safety program

Above: The father-and-daughter balancing act of Franklin and Astrid demonstrated poise and muscular control

Below: The roller skating act of Bob and Lauren Topping went 'round and 'round

Left: Among the professional entertainers at the Safety Dinner on October 24 was the ventriloquist act of "Rae Nimitz and his little friend"

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THIS *is the Christmas Prayer of St. Francis of Asissi:*

"Lord, make me an instrument of
Thy peace.
"Where there is hatred, let me sow
love.
"Where there is injury, pardon.
"Where there is doubt, faith.
"Where there is despair, hope.
"Where there is darkness, light.
"Where there is sadness, joy.
"O Divine Master,
"Grant that I may not so much seek
to be
"consoled as to console;
"To be understood, as to understand;
"To be loved, as to love;
"For it is in giving that we receive,
"It is in pardoning that we are
pardoned,
"And it is in dying that we
"are born to Eternal Life."

FRONT COVER: Deciding what they want for Christmas are Nancy, Kay, Janet, and Arthur, children of Norman Magowan of the Tool Job. This scene, taken at Baker's Department Store, Whitinsville, is typical of what happens around Christmas time on every main street in America.

Whitin Personality

THE far-flung reaches of the world are at the finger tips of Thomas P. O'Connell as he does his daily work at Whitin. From his desk he controls the movements of over a hundred erectors. He assigns them to particular projects, arranges for their transportation and passports, and arranges for the payment of their wages. Tom was promoted to Superintendent of Erectors in December of this year.

Despite his world-wide duties, Tom's life has been spent in Whitinsville. He was born on A Street, New Village, on October 16, 1906, the second child in a family of three boys and three girls. He attended local schools and graduated from Northbridge High School in 1924. He became a Whitin employee the following year.

His first job was that of timekeeper in the Production Department. He later became a production clerk and then a production expediter. In January of 1945, he transferred to the office of the Erecting Department as assistant to George F. McRoberts. In this capacity he assisted in the preparation of shop building schedules and assisted in the supervision of outside erectors.

Miss Helen M. Cove of Uxbridge became his bride in 1930. Mr. and Mrs. O'Connell, who live at 114 East Street, Whitinsville, have three children—24-year old Clare (Mrs. Daniel Cahill), a registered nurse; 22-year old Patricia, a school teacher in a local school and 21-year old Paul, who is studying for the priesthood. They also are the proud grandparents of 18-month old Daniel Cahill.

Tom is an ardent sports fan. He has attended several World Series and enjoys watching baseball, basketball, and football games. He expresses a preference for the Holy Cross and Red Sox teams. "The Red Sox," Tom stated, "will win a pennant within the next three years. That's definite."

Fraternally, Tom is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Mumford Council 365.

Front view of the new Model "M" EVEN-DRAFT Drawing frame

Whitin's New Model M for 1956

A RADICALLY IMPROVED model of a machine used in the drawing process has been recently released by the Research Department. It will be advertised in all of the textile trade magazines and newspapers during the month of December and its sale vigorously promoted by the Sales and Advertising Departments.

This machine, which has been named the Whitin EVEN-DRAFT Drawing frame, is used to draw six or eight strands of cotton, which are in a form known as sliver, into a single strand of about the same weight as the strand entering the machine. At the same time, the fibers are brought into a parallel position by the action of drafting rolls in the machine.

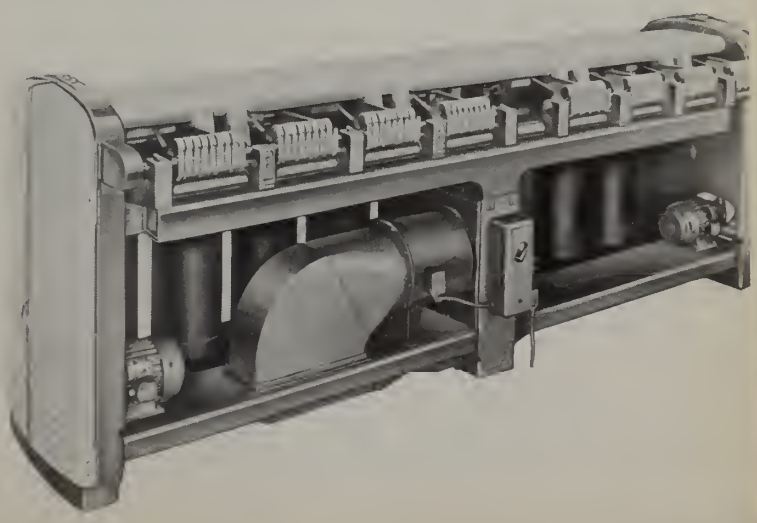
The new EVEN-DRAFT Drawing frame utilizes many antifriction bearings, operates at speeds which are two to three times the speeds at which conventional machines now run, and produces high quality sliver.

Another unusual characteristic of this machine is that it is a truly universal machine for its process. Unlike other types of drawing frames which are restricted either to certain staple length of cotton or to specialized ranges of fiber lengths for synthetic fibers, this new machine can be used for cotton and synthetic fibers up to 3″.

This new machine has been redesigned completely and has many extra accessories such as electronic stop motions, signal lights, very large cans for sliver, and an integral air-operated device for removing waste fibers. This latter is a particularly important accessory and one which will be examined with great interest by textile mill executives. In the past, the problem of removing short fibers and waste was so difficult that high speeds could not be employed. It is through the use of this air collecting unit, developed by the Pneumafil Corporation of Charlotte, N. C., that the high production speeds possible on this machine can be successfully employed. The Whitin Machine Works will have exclusive use of this newly developed accessory for a period of time.

This new Whitin EVEN-DRAFT Drawing frame adds another to a growing list of notable machines which have been produced in our new Research Department. The Whitin ROTO-DRAFTER, AXI-FEED and AXI-FLO machines were each new in their field and together have contributed to the growing realization that we have here at Whitin one of the outstanding textile research departments in the world.

Rear view of EVEN-DRAFT Drawing frame showing Pneumafil ducting and heavy frame construction



Christmas AROUND THE WORLD

At Yuletide the entire Christian world rejoices as the peoples of many countries celebrate, according to their customs, the birth of Christ.

MEXICO

J. J. Loredo, of the Main Office Foreign Department, likes the festive spirit of Christmas in Mexico where the birth of Christ is celebrated from December 16 to January 6. Two of the Mexican customs, the "Posada" and the "Pinata," are little known in the United States.

Jose J. Loredo

The Posada commemorates the nine-day journey of Joseph and Mary from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Beginning on the 16th, each night for nine nights a young man, accompanied by a young woman, chosen for her angelic beauty and mounted on a donkey, seeks shelter at three houses. At the first two they are turned away; at the third admitted. As they journey, they are followed by singers clothed in colorful costumes and carrying lighted tapers. At each house there are candies, fruit, and sugar cane for the children. At the third house no one sleeps, for there is music and dancing until 5:00 a.m. or later. The most important Posada is the one of the 24th when there is a midnight feast of roast pig or turkey.

The Pinata is a thin clay jar filled with small gifts and decorated with bright tissue and tinsel. It is hung in the patio and is broken by blindfolded children who take turns trying to hit it with a stick. When the jar is shattered, all the children scramble for the gifts.

While there isn't any Santa Claus in Mexico, the gifts arrive for the children on January 6. The Christmas presents are brought by the Three Wise Men and left in the children's shoes which are placed behind the door.

GUAM, Marianas

Joaquin P. Castro, Department 429, estimates that it is about 9336 miles from Whitinsville to his birthplace, Barrigada Village, Guam, largest of the Marianas Islands. Yet at Christmas he feels at home because, with a few interesting variations, the customs of Whitinsville are similar to those of that far-off island in the Pacific.

Jooquin P. Castro

On Guam the Christmas trees are pine trees cut along the reef. In addition to ornaments from the States, the trees are often decorated with small bananas. On Christmas Eve Santa Claus and his reindeer ride the skies and there are gifts for children and adults. As in the States, Christmas cards are exchanged.

It is a tradition on Guam that, following the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, great quantities of home-made doughnuts are eaten. On Christmas Day, December 25, there is feasting. The three essentials of the meal are chicken, tortillas, and coffee with such additions as the family chooses.

PERU

Jaime Targarona, foreign student from Lima, Peru, reports that in his homeland children receive gifts twice during the Christmas season. On Christmas Eve, Papa Noel, who resembles Santa Claus, arrives by reindeer to leave gifts on the Christmas trees. On January 6, the Wise Men leave their gifts behind doors and under beds and children hunt for them.

Jaime Targarona

But in Peru there is little public celebration, for Christmas is a time for worship, not for fiesta. On Christmas Eve, gifts are exchanged between members of the family. For the adults, who remain awake all night, there is a Midnight Mass followed by a Christmas dinner of turkey. In most houses Christmas trees and nativity scenes symbolize the birth of Christ. On the 25th, gifts are given to friends.

In Peru the Yuletide Season starts at noon on the 24th and ends on the 29th. December 28 is the Day of the Innocents, very much like our April Fools' Day. On that day the Peruvians play jokes on their friends, and if they succeed they present their victims with cardboard ladders to signify that they are so innocent that they may ascend to Heaven by ladder.

GREECE

Michael Kyritsis, Department 427, finds Christmas in New England quite different from the same season in his former home of Athens, Greece. While Christmas there is a religious day celebrated by feasting, little is made of the giving of gifts, but, on Christmas Eve, those who are prosperous give food and clothing to the people who are destitute.

Michael Kyritsis

Several days before Christmas the women begin the preparation of the Christmas foods. The main dish is usually roast lamb. In the cities but not in the villages, houses usually have a pine tree decorated with cotton and lights. Decorating customs in the country differ from those of the city because villages and farms often have inadequate lighting facilities.

On Christmas Eve there is a short church service which begins about 6:00 p.m. and which lasts perhaps half an hour. The children then go forth to sing carols, receiving from adults small sums of money which go to their school fund. At midnight there is a second and longer church service.

On Christmas there is music all day long. In the afternoon the school children traditionally give a Christmas play in which they dramatize the birth of the Christ Child.

ARMENIA

Michael Hekemian, who during the week is employed in Department 406 and who in the remaining hours is a choirmaster, tenor soloist, and schoolmaster, retains vivid memories of Christmas seasons in the Armenian villages bordering on the Black Sea. There Christmas is celebrated on January 6.

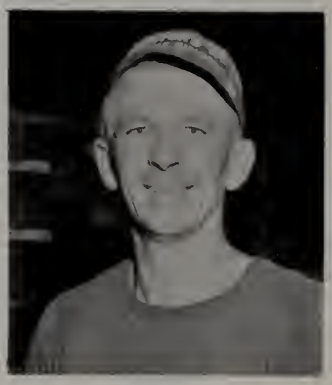
Michael Hekemian

In Armenia, the Christmas trees are decorated with bright leaves and flowers. Olive branches and date palms, brought from the region around Jerusalem, are placed in the windows. Several days before Christmas the women of the village help one another prepare the traditional pastry "chorek" and the "sweet soup" which is offered each visitor on Christmas Day.

On Christmas Eve the boys, lantern in hand, sing carols at each house. On Christmas Day there is a three-hour church service which precedes a Christmas dinner which is usually of roast lamb. In the afternoon starting with his relatives, every man visits each of his neighbors whether he is on friendly terms with him or not, and with extended hand greets him: "The Christ was born. Peace be between us." Christmas is thus a time of reconciliation. (Continued on page 10)

HOLLAND

According to Bouke DeLang of Department 404, on December 5 in Workum, Holland, Santa Claus and his Nubian attendant Pete, laden with gifts, come galloping from Spain on white horses. At each house they leave gifts in a box which each child has placed by the fireplace, then the box is hidden somewhere in the house. In the morning children have a merry search for their presents.



Bouke DeLang

Save for the distinctive Christmas pastries, food at this season is similar to that of the rest of the year. Christmas Day, December 25, is a day of worship. There are services in the churches, and the day is not a day for gift-giving.

The following day, December 26, is reserved for simple Christmas parties. At their Sunday School party the children receive books as prizes, the size of the book depends on the number of verses the child has learned from the Bible.

SCOTLAND

Christmas decorations in America, according to Mrs. Marian Hutcheson, Matron in Department 463, seem somewhat lavish compared to those in Scotland. Mrs. Hutcheson, who came to the United States from Tillicoultry, Clydebank, Scotland, reports that the Scots keep Christmas as a religious day and do their celebrating on "Hugmanay" or New Year's Day.

Marian Hutcheson

But many of their customs are similar to those in this country. Children hang their stockings by the fireplace to be filled by Santa Claus; homes have Christmas trees and decorations; there is a Christmas dinner of chicken or roast pork; and the merry voices of carol singers are heard as they travel on foot and by bus. During the Christmas season, the singers receive donations. The money is expended to help those in need.

On Christmas Eve there is a dance for the young people and a concert for their elders. December 25 is a day for family gatherings and the exchanging of Christmas cards and gifts for children.

On New Year's Eve all the Scots, even the children, stay up to see the new year in. This is a time for celebration and the giving of gifts.

FRENCH CANADA

Mrs. Yvonne Larochelle, Department 489, recalls Christmas during her childhood in Sorel, Province of Quebec, as a time of great cold and deep snow. Clad in furs, the entire family would travel by horse-drawn carryall to Midnight Mass. The crisp white snow, the star-hung sky, the quiet peace of the night, and the vehicles converging on the village church made an appropriate scene for a Christmas card.

Yvonne Larochelle

Following the Mass everyone enjoyed a hearty dinner of highly-spiced ragouts, gravy-rich meat pies, and roasted pork. In the living rooms of the houses were decorated Christmas trees—the balsam fir of the North. Traditionally, each family set up a crèche—a representation of the stable at Bethlehem with the Infant Jesus surrounded by Mary, Joseph, the cattle, shepherds, and Magi.

On Christmas night the children hung their stockings by the fire where they hoped gifts would be left by Pere Noel — Father Christmas. Adults exchanged cards at Christmas and gifts at New Year's.

JEST 'FORE CHRISTMAS

by Eugene Field

Father calls me William, sister calls me Will,
Mother calls me Willie, but the fellers call me Bill!
Mighty glad I ain't a girl—ruther be a boy,
Without them sashes, curls, an' things that's worn by Fauntleroy!
Love to chawnk green apples an' go swimmin' in the lake—
Hate to take the castor-ile they gave for stomach-ache!
'Most all the time, the whole year round, there ain't no flies on me,
But jest 'fore Christmas I'm as good as I kin be!

Got a yeller dog named Sport, sick him on the cat;
First thing she know she doesn't know where she is at!
Got a clipper sled, an' when us kids goes out to slide,
'Long comes the grocery cart, an' we all hook a ride!
But sometimes when the grocery man is worrited an' cross,
He reaches at us with his whip, an' larrups up his hoss,
An' then I laff and holler, "Oh ye never teched me!"
But jest 'fore Christmas I'm as good as I kin be!

Gran'ma says she hopes, that when I get to be a man,
I'll be a missionarer like her oldest brother Dan,
As was et up by the cannibuls that live in Ceylon's Isle,
Where every prospeck pleases, an' only man is vile!
But gran'ma she has never been to see a Wild West show,
Nor read the life of Daniel Boone, or else I guess she'd know
That Buff'lo Bill an' cowboys is good enough for me!
Excep' jest 'fore Christmas, when I'm as good as I kin be!

And then old Sport he hangs around, so solemn like and still,
His eyes they seem a saying: "What's the matter, little Bill?"
The old cat sneaks down off her perch and wonders what's become
Of those two enemies of hern that used to make things hum!
But I'm so perlite an' tend so earnestly to biz,
That mother says to father: "How improved our Willie is!"
But father having been a boy himself, suspicions me
When, jest 'fore Christmas, I'm as good as I kin be!

For Christmas, with its lots and lots of candies, cakes an' toys,
Was made they say for proper kids and not for naughty boys;
So wash yer face an' brush yer hair, an' mind yer p's and q's,
An' don't bust out yer pantaloons, an' don't wear out yer shoes.
Say "Yessum" to the ladies, and "Yessur" to the men,
An' when they's company, don't pass yer plate for pie again;
But, thinking of the things yer'd like to see upon that tree,
Jest 'fore Christmas be as good as yer kin be!

If fat suddenly catches fire in the frying pan or broiler . . . quick with the baking soda. Toss it directly on the flames, and the fire is effectively smothered

Don't KEEP THE HOME FIRES BURNING

CHRISTMAS, the season when every heart should be rejoicing, is all too often a time when many Americans suddenly find themselves homeless and destitute. During the Yuletide, homes are crowded with Christmas trees, wreaths, paper and tissue, all of which make fine fuel for fires. It is important therefore, that you be familiar with some simple rules on the technique of fire fighting.

Burning paper, wood, clothes, excelsior and similar materials constitute what are known as "Class A" fires. This type of fire may be put out by using water.

But a "Class B" fire is another matter. Such fires are burning fats, cleaning fluids, gasoline, kerosene, paint, tar, alcohol, or varnish. Water on such blazes spatters the burning material, spreads the fire, and is apt to injure you. Use baking soda to smother the flames. Keep a box near the kitchen stove.

A "Class C" conflagration is a blaze in "live" electrical equipment. If such a fire happens in your house don't throw water on the fire. If you do, you may be badly burned or killed. If possible, shut off the current. Call the fire department and let them use their non-conducting extinguishers. Your job is to get your family out of the house.

It's a wise motorist who keeps a box of baking soda in the car's glove compartment. Should an engine fire flare up, you have the wherewithal to smother it if you toss the soda directly on the flames. And the soda won't harm the motor

HOBBY—
Collecting Elephants

Mrs. Lucy E. Ross, Timekeeper in Departments 423 and 425, points to the smallest of her collection of 385 elephant miniatures. Mrs. Ross lives in a trailer at 19 Sherry Street

When Lucy E. Ross, timekeeper, wakes in the morning to see pink elephants, she thinks little of it. Twenty years' experience have made her accustomed to even the blue, green, purple, and white varieties of the beast, and Lucy now claims to have more white elephants in storage than any other Whitinsville housewife. You see, Lucy's hobby is collecting figurines.

Her hobby is the result of chance and a prolonged illness. More than twenty years ago, Lucy visited the Benson Animal Farm in Nashua, New Hampshire. She was the only adult in the party to take an elephant ride—she thought it was fun. Later, illness caused her to spend fourteen weary months in a hospital. A friend sent her miniature figures of several elephants to remind her of the day she rode the elephant.

Lucy, when asked by her visitors what she wanted, requested elephants. She got them, and is still receiving them from her friends. Elephants of wood, quartz, teak, ebony, copper, bronze, brass, porcelain, molded glass, blown glass, pottery, plastic, shell, and marbleite. Elephants in the form of salt-and-pepper shakers, book ends, coin banks, ash trays, cigarette lighters, pins, candy dishes, and milk pitchers. Elephants from thirty-three states and eleven foreign countries—Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Belgium, England, Germany, France, Italy, Bermuda, Siam, and Ceylon. The herd at last count numbered three hundred and eighty-five.

Lucy enjoys her collection. Whether useful or ornamental, whether beautiful or grotesque, each figure in her collection reminds her of the person who gave it and brings to mind far off places. Tiniest of the collection is a perfectly-shaped figure smaller than a bead; largest is a fourteen-inch high figure with moveable trunk and legs. Interestingly enough, some of the few duplicates in the collection came from widely-separated countries.

Candy dishes, salt shakers, ash trays, cream pitchers, stick pins—but they are all elephants and Mrs. Ross has scores more in her collection

Mrs. Ross feels that her hobby of collecting is one that might be enjoyed by many others. While many interests require special talents or training, collecting is an activity that can be done by any man, woman, or child. Similar interesting collections could be made of other creatures such as cats, horses, dogs, or other animals. Figures may be purchased at gift shops or souvenir stands. Friends will soon learn of your interest and give you other figures. Depending on the amount of money you wish to spend, you may purchase either very expensive or relatively inexpensive statuettes. All of the items in your collection should be cataloged. Shelves or cases may be used to display your prize specimens.

Lucy's collection is of great interest to her three grandchildren, the offspring of her daughter, Lucy, and her son-in-law, Wallace Smith, barber at the Blue Eagle. Eight-year old Sandra, six-year old Wallace, Jr., and three-year old Gale are convinced that the animals would make wonderful toys.

Lucy's interest in elephants goes beyond her collection. She likes to watch the creatures at the circus and on television. "My political party?" she exclaimed. "Naturally, I'm a Republican."

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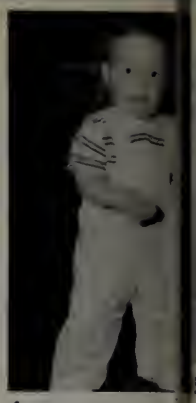

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1. A girl wants to look her best when an important man is coming, and Linda Holmes, 3½-year old daughter of Philip Holmes of Inspection, feels that Santa is the most important guest of the year

2. Christmas is a season for parties, and Linda Pauline Jones, (right foreground) hopes that there will be parties as happy as her fourth birthday party was. Linda's father, Ed Jones, works in Department 450

3. For a family to really enjoy a Christmas, several children of assorted sizes and ages are essential. James, Mary Ellen, Larry and Eileen are the children of Alden Toomey of Research

4. Gifts are expected, and 15-month old Frankie Bonaventura, son of Mrs. Frank Bonaventura, gives serious thought to what he should ask from Saint Nick

5. There are always the little children who have never seen Christmas yet. Gladys Inez, daughter of Harold Thurber of 439, was born on January 31, 1955

6. Good children are especially remembered at this season, and Sylvia, Roberta, John, and Ruth have been good scouts all year long. They are the children of Blanche Fullerton of Production

7. Not all the family money can go for gifts, for parents must buy food, buy clothes, and build houses. Mary Ann, 13-year old daughter of Dimitry Pristawa of Department 451, leans against the new house her father is building

8. The religious significance of Christmas is not forgotten, and to 6-year old Lauren and 18-month old David Baldwin carol singing seems like the echo of the Heavenly Chorus. They are the grandchildren of Leonard Baldwin of Department 416

9. And children listen as their parents tell them the never-old story of the birth of the Christ Child. Karen, 2-year old daughter of Tom Cowley of Production

10. An entire year is a long time to wait between Christmases, and in the spring it seemed to Wayne, Sherril, and Edward Leblanc that Christmas would never come. They are the grandchildren of Archie Bolivar

11. But even in the summer many children were planning for the toys they'd like next year. Francis Raymond, Jr., 10-month old grandson of Alfred Tebeau of Department 451, is confident that he will not be forgotten at the Yuletide season

12. Little ones grow rapidly, as shown by Ray, Jr., son of Ray Kucharski of Department 465, as he takes a cautious step

13. And children find things to enjoy at every season of the year. Margaret Muse, Carol Muse, and Robert Courteau are the grandchildren of Fred Muse of Department 427

14. Good food, healthful exercise, fresh air, and radiant sunshine help American children thrive. Elmer Farley, Spindle Job, thinks that his grandchildren, 3-year old William and 1½-year old Sharon Ann, are just about the nicest present a man can have

15. Richard B., 7-month old son of Alice and S. Butler Smith, hopes that in his Christmas stocking is a gift he can make a noise with

16. Little children such as Pamela Jean, daughter of Claire Legassey of Production, see the beauty of a Christmas tree

17. Christmas is many things. It is the season for bright shining faces, as witnessed by John, Gerald, Geraldine and Betsey Gonynor, grandchildren of Edward Bibeau of Department 438

18. It is a time when people put on their Sunday best, as shown by Alan and Paul, sons of Joseph Landry of Department 453

19. & 20. It's hard to know what to look at first. Sharon gazes at the star at the tree top while Larry is fascinated by the toys below. They are the grandchildren of John Collins, Sr. of Department 453

21. There is the joy in the face of a little girl as she waits for that hoped-for doll. This is Linda Rita, 2½-year old daughter of Alfred Pouliot of Department 414

22. There is the delight of a small boy as he sees his new toys. Portrayed here is Thail Joseph, 13-month old son of Chester Inman of Wage Standards

23. And then there is Christmas dinner, often a roasted turkey. This is Kathleen Mirin, niece of Bob McKee, George McKee, Harold Kane, and Harold Ingham and cousin of Charlotte Ingham

24. There is a pause while the family give thanks for their blessings. Ann Marie Bileau is the daughter of Florence Bileau of Department 401

25. "Let's eat!" Duane McNelly is the year-old grandson of John McNelly of Department 412 and Harry Ludvigson of Department 416

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KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

SPINNING SMALL PARTS

by Jake Sohigian

Rose Proulx took a week off to visit her relatives in Connecticut and ended up being stranded for an extra week due to the recent floods. Mrs. Proulx's only reaction was that she has had enough of Connecticut for awhile. . . . Harry Freeman, on returning from Worcester one Sunday night, to his dismay got stuck in mud and water up over his car's running board. Harry said that he didn't realize it was that deep. A kind passing motorist helped Harry out of his dilemma, but not till he had spent a good part of the night and morning fighting the ordeal. . . . Remi Roy recently became a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Harold Rider recently was the recipient of his first automobile license and immediately purchased a 1950 Dodge. He is as excited as a child taking his first steps. All motorists beware—be extra cautious. . . . Birthday greetings go to Phyllis Maker on her recent birthday. Everyone is busily trying to guess her correct age, but Phyllis won't tell.

Franny Forsythe's 429 bowling team took 4 points away from the star-studded apprentice team. That happens once in a lifetime and so he is happily passing the word around to everyone. Even though Franny's team is at present situated in last place, this is surely the thrill of a lifetime. . . . Congratulations to Al Lucier on his recent marriage.

Johnny Campbell, at this writing, is still out sick. Our wishes for a speedy recovery go to John. . . . New faces this month include those of apprentice Richard Jette, T. Allgaier, J. Cencak, Rachel Roy and Joaquin Castro. . . . Norman Sherman is back from service with the National Guard.

A very merry Christmas to all.

CHUCK JOB AND AUTOMATICS

by Edward Rabitor

The following men and women were added to 417 and 418 recently: Nicholas Beccia, Grant Fournier, Sr., William Gjeltema, Donald St. Laurent, Claire Houle, Wilfred Paquette, William Nulty, Victor McKenna, and Joseph Mowry. All we can say is, "Welcome to our happy family." . . . After an absence of three months, Leroy Clarke has returned to work. . . . Our boss, "Cookie" Barnes, found out digging up flower bulbs was work for a young man. . . . Our girl athlete, "Dotty" Antoian, who broke her ankle playing softball this summer, returned to work after a leave of 3½ months. . . . Henry Kollis of 418 and Mrs. Kollis went to Germany recently on a second honeymoon to visit their daughter and new grandchild. Henry and his wife traveled via airways in both directions, and claim it's the only way to travel these days. . . . Have you seen "Mike" Courtemanche's new beach wagon yet? It's a green and white Ford, and really a beauty. . . . Bob Gardner and Ray Achorn, the mighty hunters, have had, as yet, no luck hunting deer in New Hampshire. In his sleep Bob dreamed he was deer hunting. "Here they come! Don't shoot 'til they get closer!" he kept shouting all night.

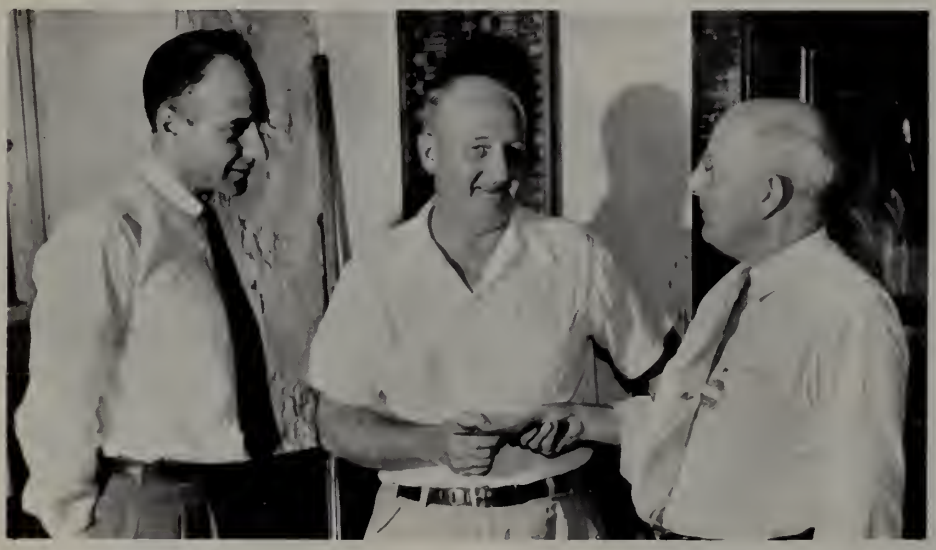
Do you have problems in building a house? If so, consult our building expert, Fran Snay. . . . Claire Houle expects her home to be finished soon, but, from what she says, it takes a contractor a long time to get started. Patience, Claire, Rome wasn't built in a day. . . . Paul Zemianek, inspector, has joined the Navy for three years. . . . Charles Malkasian's son Paul had an attack of appendicitis during a St. John (Worcester) football scrimmage. Fortunately he was rushed to the hospital in time to avoid complications. Paul was an outstanding football player, and St. John's will miss him.

Merry Christmas to you all, and may the new year be a happy and prosperous one.

CUT-OFF AND STEEL FABRICATION JOBS

by Maurice P. Valois

Since December 25th is not too far away, I might as well tell Santa the things some of our 410 and 432 members want most for Christmas. First, from 410: Ann Benson, good homes for her dog's puppies; June Boisvert, a personal visit from someone dear; Irene Mombourquette, a helper on dishes at home; Jerry Lemire, a bag full of greenbacks; Ralph Aspinwall, a new jet-shotgun; Ernest Lemire, a new car for his son in the Navy; the majority of the boys on 410—new 10 ft. steel tapes; Pete Montville, a foam rubber seat in the overhead crane; John Pouliot, a set of snow-tires. From Harold Kelliher, comes the following: A day full of the real blessings of Christmas and for the future, a prosperous and peaceful world. From Department 432: Gaston Menard and Rene Rock, each a new car; Hap Woeller, a new house—paid in full; Tom (Tonto) Pottie, a new tomahawk for his Indian Dance; George Vacher, good health and long life; Henry Deslauriers, an audition on Godfrey's Talent Scouts; Henry Melanson, a new punch press; Harvey Croteau, old friends to remain old friends; Herman R. Hathaway, twin boys; Paul Grenier, overtime; Sheriff Nichols, a new gold police badge; Francis Finn, a shot at the Ed Sullivan TV Show. From Gene Closson we have the following: I've thought and thought, I've wracked my brain, could it be, I want, a four motored plane? Or a silver yacht with its sails so trim, or a golden tree, with diamonds on every limb? No, Santa, I've made up my mind, it's not these things, but a lot of friends, and on earth, peace, not fear, that I may say Merry Christmas year by year! . . . Lastly, from Maurice P. Valois, a new 1956 reporter for this column. To one and all—a very Merry Christmas and Good New Year.



William Scott, Foreman of the Structural Iron Department, received $35 for suggesting a more economical method of salvaging solder at our Charlotte Plant. This is the first time a foreman has received an award for a suggestion. From the left, Edwin Davis, William Scott, and Philip B. Walker who made the presentation

WOOD PATTERNS

by Vera Taylor

Personality of the Month: Arthur Stohlbom was born November 6, 1906, in Boston, Mass. He attended Boston Public Schools and eventually attended night school at Dorchester High School and Wentworth High School. He served his time as a patternmaker with S. H. Woods Machine Company in Boston, graduating as a first-class patternmaker in June, 1929. From that time until 1933, he did odd jobs of all descriptions due to the depression at that time. In 1933 he began patternmaking again, having various job shop experiences from that time until, in 1950, he acquired a permanent job with Brown & Sharpe in Providence, for whom he previously had worked briefly. In October, 1954, he came to the Whitin Machine Works and Department 401, having been laid off at Brown & Sharpe due to lack of work. During his apprenticeship he injured his finger rather badly and at that time he met Esther W. Watts who was his nurse. On February 10, 1934, they were married. They have four sons and they live in Arnolds Mills, Cumberland, R. I., where he spends his spare time and some that is not so spare watching TV and reading.

Armand Cournoyer, a patternmaker, has left this department to work in the Whitin Business Equipment Corporation. . . . Francis Joslin recently purchased the former Leonard Brock residence. Francis and Violet have returned from their honeymoon. . . . Birthdays in November included Robert Gonynor, Joseph Fenner, and Arthur Stohlbom. Birthdays in December included Patrick McGovern, Archie Fournier, Julian Masson, Osias J. Chenette, and Ernest Kroll. Many happy returns. . . . Wilfred Whitney and Raymond Fullerton acquired new grandchildren since the last issue of the SPINDLE. A granddaughter, Elizabeth McAuliffe, for Mr. Whitney, making it a granddaughter and a grandson. Jeffrey Fullerton is the third grandson for Ray. Ray just returned from Norfolk, Virginia, where he went to visit for the first time his last two grandsons and the rest of the Norfolk Fullertons, namely: Jeff, Jay, Jon, Jacqy, and James. . . . The Ernest Krolls are happily installed in their new home on Beverly Avenue, North Uxbridge.

CAST IRON AND RATTLER ROOMS

by Elizabeth Sherman

Newcomers to the department this month are Constantine Lipka, Rene LeFrancois, Charles Dion, Joseph Davian, Clement Desmarais, Arthur Brunelle, Archie Thomas, Henry Picard, Bernard Lussier, Alvin Millette and Conrad Allard. . . . We extend our deepest sympathy to Arthur Shenton whose sister, Mrs. Lillian Mae Burdich of East Hartford, Conn., passed away recently. . . . Mr. John Hickey, Foreman, who has been ill for the past 13 weeks is expected to return to work soon. . . . Also returned from a long illness is Baghdasar Barsamian. . . . Mrs. Niel Cota announces the approaching marriage of her daughter, Dolores Moore to Richard Vayo on December 17, 1955. Miss Moore is a teacher at Uxbridge Elementary School. Mrs. Cota celebrated her 17th wedding anniversary November 26, 1955. . . . Mrs. Agnes Picard celebrated her 15th wedding anniversary November 16, 1955. . . . Mr. Bernard Shaw, Assistant Foreman, is the proud owner of a new Chrysler, and Bettye Bolivar has a new Ford. . . . Albert Cummings found out he just isn't as young as he used to be. In a football game with a group of young boys, Al came away with a badly banged-up finger.

RING JOB

by Robert E. Balcome

This month we are publishing more information on the manufacture of rings. Vertical rings are numerous in varieties: Band, Plain, Auto-Lub, Grease Groove and a later model called NY-Steel. We will take only the plain vertical and band rings as too-much is too-much. The band ring is a plain vertical ring requiring a holder, preferably brass, and is used principally for wet cotton twisting. The plain vertical ring has a straight inside wall and has a wide range of uses. It is lubricated by manual application of the lubricant, usually grease, to the inside surface. A holder is generally used and is necessary for the $\frac{5}{16}''$ and $\frac{3}{8}$ depth rings but the larger sizes are set in the rail. Grease grooves are cut in the inside wall of some types in order to provide a magazine or place for the lubricant, thereby making it unnecessary to apply grease several times a day. Auto-Lub rings and NY-Steel provide another timely topic for discussion at a later date.

Birthday greetings to Leo Hudon and Albert Roy. We welcome to the Ring Job Rita Picard from Linwood Mill, Vasil Shola, Robert Beausoleil, Stanley Serylak, Raymond Boucher, Earle E. Robbins, Jr., and Raymond J. Dauray. We hope they will like our home in the sky. We are the highest department in the plant. . . . That Marshall girl is planning another trip to some out-of-the-way place called Hickory, N. C. More later. . . . At this writing, Stella Damarjian is recuperating from surgery at the home of her daughter in Rhode Island. While Dick Lemay is full of pep, "chafing at the bit," in Whitinsville Hospital, anxious to get home. . . . Sid Frieswyk and a party of friends went deer hunting in New Hampshire on a recent weekend. On preparing to return to their car, they discovered Sid was missing. They called and scoured the woods finally deciding to return to the starting point, where they found Sid sitting in the car reading funny books.

And now a Merry Christmas and Happy (and sober) New Year to you all. Don't forget the cup of coffee for the road, New Year's Eve.

The Home Garden Harvest Supper held in the Whitin Cafeterio on October 18 was attended by three hundred persons. Mrs. Wolker catered the New England boiled dinner which was followed by professional vaudeville acts from Boston

STOCK ROOM 406

by Francis Saunier

We of Department 406 express our heartfelt thanks to Mr. Maurice Patterson for his generosity in having the department flag cleaned and pressed for Veterans' Day. Maurice, ably assisted by Walter Zaleski and Joe Mancini, did a splendid job of hanging the flag. . . . In case any of the ladies in town are contemplating a cake sale in the near future, I have a tip for them in the form of a recommendation. Two ladies in 406 office are, as this reporter can testify from first hand experience, excellent cake bakers. Irene Croke is the creator of a peanut cake, the likes of which this reporter has never before tasted. She says it was only an experiment. Don't be so modest, Irene. Our record cook is Evelina Nulty whose devil's food cup cakes are the last word in chocolate goodies. Her years of experience have made her a true culinary artist. Any cake sale which includes cakes by these two women is bound to be a success. . . . Congratulations, this month, are due to Gertrude Brennan who celebrated her 15th wedding anniversary on November 9. It is to Gertrude's credit that we of 406 can say she still has the fresh and charming disposition of a new bride. . . . Speaking of brides, may I extend the best wishes of 406 to Viola Rondeau who, this month celebrated her 3rd month of marriage. It's not your 15th anniversary yet, Viola, but if we can judge the future by the past, the years ahead will certainly be happy ones for you. . . . It is my pleasure to report that Elizabeth Altoonian's son won 1st prize in the annual Halloween costume contest. He went as King Farouk. Evidently Elizabeth has ambitions for her son, Hmmmm? . . . Notice to Uxbridge residents: Don't be upset over strange noises after sundown—most likely it will be Emile Guertin hard at work on the breezeway and garage he is building. An industrious man, that's Emile.

MILLING JOB

by Harry Ludvigson

Personality of the Month: Carl Mattson, inspector, is the genial fellow who sees to it that the work performed in our department is up to blueprint specifications. Carl started with us as an inspector on November 26, 1946, and with the experience he has acquired since that time has little trouble finding any error which has been made in the machining of the many parts which go through our department. He was born in Millville and lives on Sunnyside Avenue, Woonsocket, with his wife, Mary Benoit Mattson of that town and their three children, Roger 13, Marjorie 9, and Janice age 5. His hobbies are baseball, hunting, and fishing. Much of the fishing he does with Edward Fontaine of our department. Their favorite fishing spot is at Wordens Pond in Wakefield, R. I. He is a World War II veteran and served with the Engineers in the South Pacific.

Mrs. Joseph Dawe, niece of Russell Palmer, and Joseph Dawe, son of George Dawe, our assistant foreman, are the proud parents of a son, Michael Joseph, born at Milford Hospital on October 26. Joseph Dawe celebrates his birthday on October 26 also and he has an uncle, Mr. Clifford Norman of Bellingham, who was born on October 26. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Palmer of Hopedale, Mass., great-grandparents of the baby, and the parents of Mrs. George Dawe and Russell Palmer, celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary on October 26. Mrs. Palmer's birthday? You guessed it—October 26.

Raymond Dion, Frank Rutana, Armand Auger, and John Ashton went fishing at Quanachontaug near Westerly, R. I. They brought home seven tautog, and one flounder. . . . Donna, Linda, Eugene and Arthur, Jr., children of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Leclaire were among the first prize winners in the Kiwanis Club Halloween parade held in Upton, on Saturday night, October 29. They were in costumes depicting the four suits of aces in playing cards. . . . Two of Merrill True's children, Carol and Kenny, were first prize winners for the most appropriate costumes in the parade in Whitinsville, on October 31.

Joseph Beaudoin received his 30-year service pin on October 14. . . . Since last month Arthur Richards of 272 High Street, Woonsocket, and Richard Poe who lives at 17 Haringa Avenue, Whitinsville have joined us. They are apprentices. . . .

"GOOD morning, Miss Sensabaugh. I've often wondered why I've never seen you arrive late!"

We hope that the next time the window washers are in the foreman's office, Pete Nash will do his very best to keep from kicking the bucket. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Russell Palmer will celebrate their 12th wedding anniversary on December 22.

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

by Thomas Frieswyk

We welcome Edmond Leveille and Thomas Mateer, Jr., to our department. May their stay with us be a long and happy one. . . . Our congratulations go to Clinton Hanson, who received his 10-year pin, and to Edmund Bartlett, who received his 5-year pin. . . . Vacation news continues again this month. George McCann's daily trips took him to the beach several times, and also through the White Mountains and over the Mohawk Trail. . . . After a short stay with his brother in Hamburg, New York, Burt Robie continued his trip through the Catskill, Adirondack, and White Mountains. Thus numerous new colored slides were added to his collection. . . . Tom Frieswyk's week at the Sea Scout Camp at Treasure Valley in Paxton was strictly for the "ducks"! It rained almost every day, and Tom's spirits were thoroughly dampened by the time the week was over. . . . Fred Willis journeyed down to Miami, Florida, for a short stay.

Who goofed? On a Saturday in September, members of our Benefit Club traveled over to a spot in Milford in anticipation of a good clambake. Upon arrival, they found that no one was expecting them, and therefore nothing had been prepared. After a heated discussion, a vote was taken and they proceeded to Chicken Pete's. There they enjoyed delicious steak and chicken dinners. Afterwards they were high in their praise as to both the food and the service they received on such a very short notice. But alas, the late-comers to the clambake found neither food nor friends and returned home with empty stomachs and saddened spirits!

We chose for our personality this month, George Drolet, who was born in Worcester on February 22, 1898. When he was five years of age, his family moved to North Oxford where George began his education. When he was nine, his family moved to Fisherville where George still resides. He first worked as a mule spinner at the Fisher Manufacturing Company until mule spinning was discontinued, then he worked as a weaver. When the plant was liquidated in 1950, George came to work in the Electrical Department, where he is now known as the old lamplighter. George has two daughters and one son; and he is awaiting the birth of his third grandchild. His hobby is gardening, and he lists the Knights of Columbus as another of his outside activities.

On Friday, November 11, Emil Schmidt retired after completing fifteen years of service in the Electrical Department. Burt Robie presented him with a wallet containing a sum of money on behalf of his co-workers, plus his 15-year service pin. Emil and his wife will now take up residence in Florida. We take this opportunity to again wish Emil many more years of good health and happiness. . . . Mike Pristawa has been transferred to the electrician's location in Building No. 9 and has taken over Emil's duties. . . . John Wright is sitting in as a juryman on the civil session of Superior Court in Worcester for four weeks. The first day he was there he received a ticket for overtime parking, but, after a little explaining, John was able to straighten everything out. . . . Another addition to our vacation notes is Tom Mateer's trip to Florida. Tom, his wife, and his wife's parents spent a pleasant two weeks touring the Sunshine State and the Florida Keys. Another colored slide enthusiast, Tom spent much of the time recording the trip on film. . . . Our first report from the Electrical Department's bowling team tells us that they are in fifth place in the Shop Bowling League. Phil Rae is top man on the team with an average of 102.

"It's for you, Harry. Welding department's burned up about something!"

"Are you the lady that called for a baby-sitter?"

PUNCH AND PLANER JOBS

by Ray Woodcome

We spread the welcome mat this month for George Counihan and Charles Boulanger, the new rattler men in Department 412. George hails from Oxford and Charles comes from Rockdale. We hope they enjoy their stay with us. . . . Birthday congratulations this month to Al Cencak, Philip Tjaarda, Armand Pinsonneault, and Omer Bouley. The girls in the Bolt Job Crib baked Armand a cake and helped him to eat it. . . . Mr. and Mrs. George Mandeville of Woonsocket and Department 412 celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary last month. . . . Veronica Mahoney has been named Girl Scout leader for the girls in Manchaug. . . . Department 414's Bowling Team is currently leading the league. The team this year is composed of: Captain Dick O'Rourke, Andy Fitzgerald, Norm Burroughs, Lefty Houle, Leo Gagnon and Chick Gagnon. . . . Some people down here raise the roof, but Henry Lavallee does one better. He raised his whole house 36". . . . Ray Dupras is still week-end chef at the Hillside Dairy Bar in Webster. . . . Andre Labbe and Arthur Brooks claim to be the cribbage champs of Department 414. They have been partners for approximately seven years. The runner-ups are Fred Harder and Herbie Brown. Fred is the silent partner with Brown keeping the game alive coaching Fred. Fred claims he can play better without the coaching.

BOLSTER JOB

by Charles Kheboian

Hunting season has started and we are glad to say that many of our potential Davy Crocketts have filled their freezers. Walter Fierly and Lindsay Harding were two such fortunate hunters. Tony DeStefanis had a close call when someone fired at a bird close to him. Tony didn't wait around to see who it was. . . . One

Guido Giromini of the Roll Job night shift recently visited relatives in Italy. Top: Guido in Italy with Eldo Brunelli ond Eni Giromini. Center: Pigeon feeding time in Venice. Bottom: Back home in Franklin with his 10-yeor old doughter Morilyn

day last month Lindsay Harding walked home from work, forgetting his car was in the parking lot.

Mr. Richard W. Baker, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Baker of 163 East Street, Whitinsville, is presently attending the Bentley School of Accounting and Finance in Boston. Mr. Baker, Sr., is a supervisor in Department 438. . . . We extend welcome-back greetings to Job Cournoyer and Arnold Manning, both of whom have been out several months. . . . Welcome to newcomer Leon Robidoux in our Inspection Department. . . . Job Cournoyer celebrated his 35th wedding anniversary on November 2 and became godfather to his twin grandsons on November 6. . . . Bob Cochrane found out that his family was descended from royal blood. He immediately knighted Sir Cedric O'Bouley and made Sir Reginald O'Buxton his hangman. . . . We were sorry to hear that Louis Buxton's son fell and had to have eight stitches taken in his head. We hope that he will be well soon. . . . At this time we wish all a very Merry Christmas and the happiest of new years with the hope of the better things yet to come.

TOOL JOB

by George Jones

Congratulations to Walter Curtis and James Vanderzee on receiving their 20-year pins. Also to Raymond and Martin Jorritsma, Gilbert Baker and Edward Kane on receiving their 15-year service pins. . . . Thaddeus Minior has been promoted to the Research Division. We all know Teddy will be a big asset. . . . This is the hunting season and, by the looks of my bench every Monday and Tuesday mornings, the boys are having a lot of good luck. Bob Couture brings in pheasant feet and Red Trajanowski leaves me duck feet. Larry Larochelle of the night shift likes to hunt, but says that it is expensive when he takes four shots at a bunny before it dies of fright. . . . Hertsen Heerdt, Joe Hoogendyke, Ray and Martin Jorritsma looked at the new Chevrolets every noon-hour for one whole week. The reason, free cigars and apples to all viewers.

The night shift supervisors and their wives celebrated Halloween by having dinner at the Embassy Club in Woonsocket. . . . Hollis Booth, a cutter grinder for many years, has taken employment elsewhere as a salesman. . . . Last month many of the day men bought new cars; this month it's the night shift. Darrel Burroughs has a blue 1952 Dodge Convertible, Eddie Dulmaine a 1950 Nash, Ernie Adams a 1955 Ford, Phil Ferraro a green 1951 Pontiac and Alfred Choiniere a 1952 Ford. . . . We wish Homer Adams the best of luck in his new job in the Cost Department. Bob Bessey has taken over Homer's job and Frank Calzone of Milford has taken over Bob's job. . . . The new man on nights is Eugene Whalen. Gene comes from Millville, but is now living on "C" Street in Whitinsville with his wife, the former Mary Kane who works on the Milling Job. For a hobby Gene takes 8 mm movies.

SPINDLE JOB

by James Robbins and John Visbeck

Donat Picard, grinder hand, was the recipient of a 30-year pin. . . . A familiar sight not seen since the colder weather has set in was Beatrice Gervais driving the ice cream truck and selling ice cream on the highways and byways. . . . Jim Robbins has found to his consternation that it is possible to get flat tires on the so-called new tubeless tires. . . . We welcome the return of James Sharkey after an operation.

We had two expert noon-hour cribbage players who had the temerity to challenge all comers. To their dismay the first challengers took them so badly that no word is heard about a return match. . . . Many happy returns to Mr. and Mrs. James Robbins of Blackstone on their 6th wedding anniversary on November 12. . . . A belated happy anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. George Fournier on their 33rd wedding anniversary.

Larry Adams was surprised one night when, on the way home, a pheasant shattered his windshield. Larry said he wasn't hurt seriously but that his wallet was. It cost him $26.00 to replace the windshield and he didn't even get a leg of the bird.

Red Swan invited all the boys on the job up to his house for an outing but, when the men got there, Red handed each a paint brush. That's one way to get your house painted.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

by Bill Scanlon

Joe Prendergast spent his two weeks' vacation at Bass River on the Cape fishing and hunting. Joe enjoys his frequent visits to the Cape. . . . Mel Young, Slim Stairs, Ken Stanley, and Pete Prymak, known as the "Big Four" in game hunting, went to Hebron, New Hampshire. On the way up they came to a fork in the road. Slim, the driver, said, "Hebron is that-a-way." After they had gone 13 miles out of their way, Prymak pulled out his compass and headed them in the right direction. They found poor hunting, as the dry leaves warned the deer hunters were coming. Mel, who is well acquainted with that territory, went into the woods to see if he could scare the animals out but was unsuccessful. The hunters plan to return later when the snow is on the ground. Better luck next time! . . . John McNelly is back from St. Vincent's Hospital after getting a check-up. . . . Bernard Conlee has moved from New Village to High Street. It will bring him nearer to his work, which requires

him to work late nights. The people in New Village will miss him. . . . Lester Wallace is back after a week's vacation. He looks well and the boys are glad to see him.

SPINNING, CARD ERECTING AND POLISHING

by Francis Horan

Walter Oolovgian and George Nichols, who work side by side, received their 10-year pins. Walter, who is one of the seven most decorated men in the country, first began work here twenty-five years ago, but broke his continuous service. Walter, who is known as "Dillinger," served in Europe during World War I and in the Pacific during World War II. He has been decorated by the United States, France, Canada, and England. Among his medals are the French Military Medal, Legion of Honor, and Croix de Guerre; the British Distinguished Service Cross, and the United States Distinguished Service Cross. Walter lives on Church Street with his sister, Louise and his daughter Gwendolyn. Walter, who has worked in the yards, on trucks, and on the Bolster Job, has had experience on both the heavy and light machining sections of Department 433.

Quiet and unassuming George Nichols began work at Whitin on Spinning Erecting and now operates drills in Department 433. He owns the house in Upton where he lives with Mrs. Nichols and their three children, June, Phyllis, and Irwin. George likes to putter around the homestead and keep things prettied up. A rabid Red Sox fan, he feels that his team will surely be on top next year.

Things are in a dither, all because Bill Leclerc has found a deposit of iron ore on his estate. In return for a few shares in any company that may be formed, the boys have offered their help. Jack Walker wants to swap his brushes for a geiger counter; Philip Demers is not only willing to give up his stamps, but in order to raise money for the venture, threatens to cut Ben Scott off from his "chawing" tobacco; Albert Bowyer and Louis Whitten have offered to work in the smelting department; and last

Mr. and Mrs. Alex St. Germain visited the James Melton Autorama in Hypoluxo, Florida, during their vacation

Walter Oolovgian, 433's personality of the month, fought in both World War I and World War II. He is one of the seven most decorated men in the United States

but not least Bill Hall has offered to deliver "the pause that refreshes."

Louis Youngsma, formerly of Department 433, was a recent visitor. Louis and Mrs. Youngsma now manage the town farm in Barre, Massachusetts. . . . Blanche Heroux is the new time clerk who is helping alleviate the pressure in these departments. . . . Other new members who have jeined us are Stanley Avery, Leroy Powell, Roland Marechal, Robert Gilmore, and our old umpire, Bob Stewart, who is now officiating in the American Association Triple AAA. Last but not least is Bill Taft who has closed up his orchard for the year.

Celebrating wedding anniversaries in November were Michael Feen, Rapisardi Bosco, Henry Barnett, and Tony Iannitelli. At the request of their wives, we report that in December Alfred Nolet, Bob Williams and Ken Proctor have anniversaries.

Birthday anniversaries celebrated in November were Howard Heald (retired), Dave Picard, Alex MacFarland, and in December will be Manuel Oliver, Clinton White, Armand Henault, and Ken Proctor.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All!

COMBER JOB

by Terry Merolli

Holiday time is near—Arthur Haagsma has been bringing in samples of his delicious cookies. . . . Mike Kroll returned to work last month after six weeks of jury duty. . . . We're glad to hear that Marion Larsen is improving. . . . Norman Stanley spent a week end in Maine recently but all the deer were hiding. . . . Welcome back to "Lucky" Don Simmons who returned from a month's trip to California and parts West. Don said that the scenery was beautiful, especially in Arizona. . . . Welcome to our new inspectors, Hazel Caya and Jerry Jones, and good luck to Jennie Rauth who is now at 489.

We finally spent a week end at the Mohawk Trail with some friends of ours. We planned our trip for October 15 and sure enough it turned out to be the week end of the recent flood. In spite of the wind and rain we had a good time.

SHEET METAL, PAINT AND CREEL JOBS

by Dorsey Devlin

This month's personality is George Dykstra, assistant foreman of the Paint Job. George arrived from Holland in the early twenties and has been with the Shop for 35 years, 32 of these years on the Paint Job. He is married to the former Hilda VanderBrug. They have four children, Edward in the U. S. Coast Guard, Allen in the Army, David at home and a daughter Janet at College. The Dykstras make their home on Goldthwaite Road. George's favorite sports are swimming and fishing at the Cape and his hobbies are gardening and woodworking.

The two new faces on the Paint Job are Norman Champagne and Edgar Berube from Woonsocket. . . . Arthur Laferriere and Val Yargeau recently enjoyed good outdoor exercise on a hunting trip to Maine. Joe Brooks has moved to a farm on Cooper Road in Rockdale, raises chickens and is a very adept gardener. We understand that Harold Ingham can use a paint brush to good advantage even out of the Shop. He does a remarkable job painting statues in several colors. . . . Phil Dion and Henry Pandolfi have returned to the Government Job. . . . Ross Rajotte has a winter hobby of writing poems and short stories. . . . Edmour Jodoin hails from the Catskill Mountains, where he was a farmer and lumberjack. He now resides in Upton. . . . John "Bang Bang" DeBoer tells the boys of taking 17 shots at

George Dykstra, Paint Job personality, shown with Mrs. Dykstra, daughter Janet, and son David

As o Hollywood comeromon, Kildo Monost, Traffic Deportment personolity of the month, photogrophed such old-time stors os Mory Pickford ond Chorlie Choplin

a rabbit and missing. We are wondering if machine guns are allowed in hunting.

The Bowling League is the main topic of conversation around 413 these days, and at times gets even hotter than a certain baseball feud that we would rather not talk about at this time. Several deals and trades have been made in the past two weeks. The boys were finally able to coax Dorsey Devlin, "Peppy" Rainville, Jim Gibbons, Alfie Berube and Marco Bolduc out of retirement to get into the thick of things. Lucien Paulhus has become the "Bobo" Newsome of the league, starting with. the Dodgers, then to the Tigers, and ending up with the Pirates. . . . The league standings to date are: Yankees—won 18 lost 2, Tigers—won 14 lost 6, Pirates—won 5 lost 15 and Dodgers—won 3 lost 17.

Pete Picotte has left the Creel Job to work on the new state toll road and Oscar Doble has left to devote full time to his upholstery business.

Your reporter takes this opportunity to wish one and all a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year.

On October 21, William E. Lundgren of the Reseorch Division wos driving to work from his home in Shoron. Neor the Red Rooster Inn something struck the windshield of his almost new car, sending porticles of glass throughout the car. Bill's eyes were protected by his glosses. Bill reports thot there were no other cors on the rood, nor ony plones in the sky, yet whotever struck the windshield did so with o sledge hommer-like blow that rocked the car. Faint traces of lead led Bill ond the local police officials to suspect thot the domoge was caused by an olmost spent heovy coliber rifle bullet. Others have suggested the possibility of o smoll meteorite. In either case, the pellet wos not recovered

GENERAL MACHINING

by Ken Harrington and A. R. Frueh

A welcome back to the day crew to Arthur Ashworth and Albert Szkutak. . . . Lucy Ross is back on the job after her recent illness. . . . Henry Nelson is going to have a couple of navigators with him on those fishing trips with his new boat. John Malley and Royal Waterman are boning up by going to night school. Now all Henry needs is a good engineer.

When the hunting season opened, Titus Ebbeling took up his trusty shotgun and faithful hound dog and made for the woods. It was all right until his first shot, when he couldn't tell which ran faster, the rabbit he had missed or his gun-shy dog. He went thataway, Titus!

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

by Marcel Turgeon

Personality of the Month: Kilda Monast was born in St. Damase, P.Q., Canada, on April 6, 1889. In 1893 his family moved to New Bedford, Mass., where he attended the primary grades until he went to work on a farm at the age of ten. He left home at 20 years of age, went to Fall River where he worked on the railroad, went to school to learn an electrician's trade, and moved on to New Haven, Connecticut. In 1913 he went to Hollywood, California, where he got a job as a helper and then a cameraman for Mutual & Universal Films. He worked with such stars as Mary Pickford, Charles Chaplin and Foss Sterling. While working for the Universal Films he went to Africa to take pictures of the desert and jungle for scenery that would be used in the pictures. In 1916 he left Hollywood to go to Montreal, P.Q., Canada and worked there as a moving picture operator. Illness forced him to leave the moving picture business. He worked as an automobile mechanic for three years and moved back to New Bedford. In 1931 he came to Pawtucket and finally moved to Chepachet where he built his own home. He came to work for W.M.W. in 1949.

We had a happy girl in our office after Lorraine Dufault went to Worcester the other night and stood in line with a lot of other girls to get the autograph of one of her movie heroes. Aldo Ray was very obliging. He signed an autograph picture of himself, spoke with her for a few minutes and she got to touch his coat. . . . A few members of the office got together the other night and went bowling. The Red Dogs took a few points over the Blue Devils, who are looking for a rematch in a few weeks. . . . Welcome to new members: In the office, Deanna Santoro and Robert Fougere; in the Freight House, Leonard Walczak, Edmond St. Onge, Armand Horent, and Gerard Gosselin. . . . Nice to see Aldege Guilbert and Joseph Gregoire back to work after they were out sick. . . . We want to wish a speedy recovery to Angelo Arciero who is out sick. . . . Walter Departie recuperated very well from a minor operation.

A pre-nuptial party was held in honor of Mary Lanagan who became the bride of Nick DeHaas, Jr. on November 26 at the Baptist Church in North Uxbridge. . . . Doris Thompson has terminated her duties with this department. . . . John F. Wasiuk had a successful hunting trip in Nova Scotia. He came home tired, but happy to show the doe he shot.

RESEARCH DIVISION

by Bernice Taylor and Dick Benoit

It's Happy Holiday Season once more. Where does the time go? The number of shopping days left is again a paramount topic of conversation. . . . Happy birthdays in this Christmas month to Jeff Manning, John Dudley and Ken Stanley—and anniversary congratulations to John Dudley and to Eileen Holmes. . . . Big plans are currently being made for the Research Christmas Party. This year it is to be held at Chicken Pete's in Milford on December 17. We had the party there last year and everyone had a good time. Hope that all the folks will be able to attend this one. . . . Weather Notes: Frank Kelliher predicts a mild winter this year. His observation of night crawlers on the surface tells him so. Mike Krull goes along with Frank's prediction about the mild winter, but his prediction is based on the pattern of the winds from the African Desert. (Sounds real profound to us.) . . . Fritz Bolliger of Zurich, Switzerland, is visiting us at Research for a time.

Ernie Goyette has recently acquired a new 35 mm camera. . . . Deer season is on again—Chick Corron and some friends went to New Hampshire. . . . This month we extend a warm welcome to Leo Harbig, Ted Minior and Alphonse Gosselin.

Personality of the Month: Raymond Gautreau was born in East Douglas and attended the local schools there. After finishing school, he joined the Army Infantry and saw action in the Pacific Theater. Following his discharge from the service, Ray came to work at W.M.W. and worked on the Box Job. Then he came to work at Research and he is in the Engineering Department. Ray is married to the former Miss Valeria Kurek. There are three boys in the Gautreau family: Richard, Guy and Gary. They live in a home that was designed and built by Ray. Besides his work here at Research, Ray also does industrial and architectural illustrations.

LINWOOD MILL

by Louise Sohigian and Wilbur Baird

Birthday candles were lit this month for Harold Johnson, Dimitry Pristawa, Byron Deane and Lillian Roberts. We wish them many happy returns. . . . We welcome Lillian Roberts back to the job. . . . Lots of luck to Edward Lamontagne who

has been transferred to Department 450. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Walter Guertin celebrated their 30th anniversary in November. They have one son who is employed by Whitins. Walter is Chief Engineer of Linwood Division. . . . We welcome to Department 450 Frank Ganczar, C. Atteridge, C. Erickson, C. Cellere, E. Lamontagne, G. Plante and L. Desrochers. . . . Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All.

METAL PATTERNS

by Bill Prior

Dick Zibell has moved from our office as time clerk to try his hand at pattern making. . . . Joe Prior and Henry Forget took a fling at deer hunting at Pittsburg, New Hampshire, up near the Quebec border. They had no luck whatsoever, seeing only one deer during the week. . . . Word from former department workers—Ed Benoit is doing O.K. at G. E. in Lynn. . . . Lewis Stimpson is doing more than all right at his tile business. . . . Walter Baker, our office clerk, left us after only a few days. Eddie Kilcline has taken a fling at football and basketball officiating. He is currently handling games in Rhode Island and Massachusetts. He says times have changed in high school signal calling, for it's now done in bebop instead of numbers.

With the new coke machines on the department we claim we have the champion coke drinker in the person of Koko Barsamian. Just a few weeks ago he finished off 50 bottles in one week and half a case in one day.

With the steady rise of the prices of haircuts, these eyes have noticed a few of those "do-it-yourself" haircuts. I say there is room for improvement.

DEPARTMENT 411

by Leon Atteridge

We welcome the following men to our department: W. Porter, R. Ladieu, N. DeConing, M. Pouliot, B. Wallace, R. Carolo, K. Sherman, W. Maher, R. Brodie, N. Beaulieu, R. O'Rourke, R. Aldrich, E. Gerber, F. Rossman, A. Gutowski, and A. Desautels. Also Claudette Boucher who is the timekeeper on our job. . . . Herbert Hammond has just returned to the department after serving six weeks on criminal court jury duty in Worcester. He said it was quite interesting to see the lawyers present the cases. . . . Nicholas Hooyenga has been out on sick leave for quite some time. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope he will soon be back with us. . . . We're happy to see "Chet" McQuilkin and Lois Heerdt and Joseph Goulet back on the job again after spending some time in the hospital. . . . At this writing, plans and arrangements are being made for a Christmas party. Everyone is looking forward to having a good time. . . . We understand Norman Lightbown has a chauffeur. His wife just got her driver's license.

BOX JOB

by Alice Travaille

We're happy to welcome to the department Bob Esty of Chepachet. Bob is a graduate of Central High School in Providence and is in the Naval Reserve. . . . We were glad also to have Albert Grillo and Joe Duhamel of 442 helping out during our rush. . . . December birthday greetings to Paul Roy.

ROVING SMALL PARTS AND ROVING ERECTING

by Dorothy Benson

This is my first column as reporter for these departments, and I shall appreciate the cooperation of everyone on the jobs. . . . First, we would like to welcome the new members. In September we had six: Robert Blair, Paul Kallnischkies, Nicholas DeCristoforo, Dennis Panu, Stefan Maker and Charles Turnas. October brought two: Michael Kyritsis and Raymond Bernard. November also brought two: Raymond Lumb, Sr., and Harold Luks. . . . We wish a speedy recovery to Armand Bolduc, who recently returned home from a hospital in Quebec. . . . Joseph Defoe retired after 34 years with the Whitin Machine Works. We all miss him, and hope he enjoys his leisure in his retirement. . . . Belated birthday wishes go to your former reporter, Mary Hugley, who celebrated September 27. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Leo Tosoonian celebrated their third anniversary on October 12.

CORE ROOM

by Grace Heath

We welcome the following new faces: "Chick" Winchell, Ronald Glode, Raymond Benoit, Norman Marcil, Roland Theroux, Jacques Drainville and Louis Yacino. . . . Congratulations to Florent Verrier on receiving his 10-year pin. . . . Alfred Lajoie is in the Milford Hospital with a virus infection. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

ANNEALING ROOM BLACKSMITH SHOP

by Pauline Wunschell

Surprise!! Here's some newsy tidbits from a department you haven't heard from in months! . . . With hunting season opened, we have an all-American hunter in our midst just hankerin' to get at a gun and head for the wilds of Maine or New Hampshire. "Chief" (V. Tracy, our bonified Indian) brought back one of the largest bucks two years ago, and here's hoping he'll have that same luck again. Bring home a bearskin for me, Chief! . . . We are happy to see one of our old employees back after a two months' illness—Hampar Panosian is on the mend and working once more. . . . Here's a big hello and welcome to all our new recruits—Gerald Langlois, Ed Rodoniewicz, Ted LaCroix, Don LaRoche,

"George, isn't this just the smoothest? . . . *GEORGE?*"

Don Dufresne, Harold Henry, Roger Charrette, and Herve Landry. . . . Business is really booming at 408. . . . Martha McElreath, our new stock clerk, celebrated a birthday on November 15. . . . Our Divisional Superintendent, Don Sangster, is sportin' round town in a "V.W." . . . Now that I've reminded each and every one that we do have a Department 408, how about a little cooperation from all the boys on the job? Remember, "Where cooperation dwells, efficiency excels!" Whadda-Ya say, fellows?

CARDS SMALL PARTS AND CYLINDERS

by Dorica Thompson

We thank George Forsythe for the wonderful job he did in the past as a reporter for the SPINDLE. . . . It's nice to see Windy Sotek on the go again. . . . Welcome back to Millie Turgeon who was out taking care of her mother during an illness. We hope she is feeling much better. . . . We welcome Manuel Denault to Department 422. It's nice to have him with us. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Leo Roberts recently returned from a two-month vacation in France. They visited relatives in Paris, Bordeaux, and Cambo. It was the first time Mrs. Roberts had returned to her native country since she left thirty years ago. Mr. Roberts met his in-laws for the first time. They went across on the "Ile de France" and returned on the S.S. "Liberty." . . . Eugene Kurowski is in the hospital with pneumonia. We wish him a speedy recovery.

"It's like this... when I heard you were going to California—"

The Order Processing Section, of the Repair Department, enjoyed a horse and wagon hayride to Grafton last month. A pre-ride party was held at the hame of Edna L'Esperance

COST DEPARTMENT

by Dick Hanny and Pauline Hagan

Personality of the Month: Eve Lundberg, quick-witted member of the twisting group in the office, first saw the light of day in London, England, and was educated at St. Thomas High School and Polytechnic Trade School of Business in that city. She was married in London in 1943, came to live in America in 1946, and became a citizen in 1953. Eve and her son, Lewis Edward, live on Park Street in Uxbridge. She is glad that her son will be able to take advantage of the many opportunities found here which most of us take for granted. Eve has been with the company for five years and previously worked in the accounting department of Jordan Marsh Company besides several jobs in England. Although Eve enjoys swimming and knitting, her favorite pastime is traveling. This eagerness to travel was responsible for her starting out on a motor trip to New York City a few days after receiving her driver's license. While still living in England, Eve traveled to Paris, Belgium, and the Channel Islands, a favorite vacation spot for Londoners. Since taking up residence in the U. S. she has returned to visit her family in London several times by plane and by boat, and she is looking forward to a visit from her mother in the spring.

As we get into the Yuletide spirit, let's first of all welcome Peggy Vincent back to the fold. The welcome mat is also out to Paul Larosee, formerly a Time Clerk on 411, and Homer Adams, formerly the foreman's clerk on the Tool Job. Lucien Horent has been transferred to the twister group to replace Gus Ayotte who is now with the Statement's Department. . . . Everett Grant has taken up residence in Whitinsville for the winter. Guess he didn't look forward to those long cold trips from Glocester, R. I. . . . Anne Wojtalik's family will be enjoying venison for a while since her husband brought back two deer from his hunting trip on Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. . . . Phil Johnson's heifer, Katy, presented him with a welcome addition to his purebred herd of whiteface cattle. . . . Shirley and Tim McNamara were recently seen thumbing a ride home on the Douglas Pike in R. I. It seems that they drove their car to Providence and took the train to New York City. After spending three very happy days there, upon returning to their car in Providence they found that they had neglected to turn off the radio. . . . Upon completion of a series of weekly meetings at Clark University on Cost Accounting Procedures, a group of the men in the office attended a steak dinner at Putnam & Thurston's Restaurant in Worcester.

Birthdays: Lillian Follett, Mary Swetnam, James Shaw, Cleve Reynolds, and Ray Tebeau. . . . Anniversaries: Anne and Ted Wojtalik, their 12th; John and Lila Miracle, their 5th; Don and Virginia Rae, their 4th; Gordon and Joyce Curtis, their 4th.

London-born Eve Lundberg, Cost Department personality of the month, enjoys travel and plans to revisit England next Spring

REPAIR SALES DEPARTMENT

by Joyce Rondeau

Many happy returns on their birthdays this month to Joy Varteresian, Herb Lightbown, and Marguerite Tatro. . . . Anniversary greetings to Ann Wiersma, Betty Mombourquette, and Bill Baird. . . . We bid a fond farewell to Joyce Brown this month. The girls held a very enjoyable party for Joyce at the Abner Wheeler House. . . . Joy Varteresian has left the Order Processing Department to take up secretarial duties with Charlie Anderson. . . . The office Christmas Party this year will be held at Aunt Mary's on December 14. Alice DerTorosian is chai man. . . . Your Repair Department bow ing team continues to play the roll "always a bridesmaid, never a bride" b coasting along in second place in the sh bowling league . . . The departme misses Herb Lightbown, who is in th hospital, and wishes him to know we a thinking about him and hoping for h speedy recovery. . . . Rose Kalonas w presented a 20-year service pin last mont Congratulations.

PAYROLL COMPUTATION, MACHINE ACCOUNTING, BUDGETS, STATEMENTS AND TIMEKEEPING

by Bob English

It actually happened—a flat tire in fro of a cemetery on Halloween!! A 'pho call to a garage explaining the predicame caused the attendant, thinking it a gag, merely hang up on the stranded party. second call by Fay Goggin brought resul as a pick-up truck appeared on the sce within a short time. . . . Sharon Conl of Machine Accounting, who works pa time at Flagg's Pharmacy, recently took course given by Sealtest in the art of servi ice cream to satisfied customers. We mig say that Sharon has been to "Sundae school. . . . We welcome the followin Betty Ann Gaskell of Mendon to Machi Accounting, where she will become a ke punch operator; Bob Courchene of Woo socket, a tabulating machine operato Rosalie Lent of Upton to Payroll Comput tion; and Gus Ayotte of Woonsocket a formerly of the Cost Department, to Stat ments. . . . There have been several j changes within the department: Bill Ha has been appointed supervisor of the Pa roll Computation section of Works Accoun ing; Frank Widor has been appoint assistant supervisor of the payroll secti of Machine Accounting, replacing Er Chase, who has taken over Bill Hall duties; John Parker Shaw has been a pointed supervisor of the Statements secti of Works Accounting; and Fred Garcelo who previously had these duties, has be assigned to the Whitin Business Equipme Corporation. Fred's new assignment general accounting work, where he wi answer directly to Max Thompson. Fred i

Shown with her husband Matt is Emily Quigley Timekeeping personality of the month

temporarily located in the corner office of the Engineering Department. Congratulations, men!! . . . We welcome the following new employees to the Timekeeping division: Blanche Heroux of East Douglas to Department 433; Eva Bousquet of Northbridge to Department 439; Gerard Biron of Woonsocket to Department 411 (2nd shift); Tom Bardell of East Douglas, 404 Unit Checker; Mike Kloczkowski of Millville, Department 436 (2nd shift); and Robert Paul of North Uxbridge, 404 Unit Checker. . . . Birthday greetings for November: Helen Duggan, Irene Marteka and Evelyn Maziarka. . . . Plans are under way for the Department 462 Christmas party to be held at Gus' Tavern, Slatersville, R. I., December 17, with music by Johnny Witek.

Personality of the Month: Emily Quigley of Timekeeping may be located in any department of the plant, as she is our substitute clerk. Emily has the patience of Job; is pleasant, makes friends easily as she goes about her duties; and is capable of handling the difficult assignments. She has been with Whitin for 13 years; first as a time clerk; in Cost Department for 2 years; and then, as her ability was realized, was used to fill in at a moment's notice on any timekeeping assignment. Emily makes her home at 9 Park Street, Uxbridge, with her husband, Matt. She was born in Bellingham (nee Migneault) of French descent. She attended schools in Bellingham and Franklin High. She is secretary and past president of the Charles A. Rice Auxiliary Unit. She is active in the Grange, of which she is past master. Emily gets a great deal of enjoyment from TV, from collecting place mats from various eating places, and from following sports, especially baseball. Her husband, Matt, has an interesting background. He has toured in vaudeville for years throughout the West; spent two years in Hollywood; and to the present day is active in amateur theatrical work and minstrel shows.

METHODS DEPARTMENT

by Jean Cunningham

We wish a warm welcome to Gilbert Baker who came to us from the Tool Job and also to Julia Skeary who formerly worked in Worcester. Julia and her family recently had a very pleasant reunion with her son John who was home on leave. He is a member of the Marine Corps. Johnny has returned to Parris Island for further training. . . . Al Coburn and his wife celebrated their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary on October 26 with a gathering of friends and relatives at their home. May they enjoy many more. . . . Sorry I didn't congratulate the people who had birthdays in November. I do hope Frank Martin, Bridget Wawrzkiewicz, Don Hamblett, Leo Petrie and Bill Boyd enjoyed themselves. This month let's congratulate Gilbert Baker, Henry Pariseau and Albert Brouwer. . . . While Earl Mason was digging on his land he came upon a cavern.

MYSTERY PHOTO—On the left are Hilka J. Baker of Hillcrest Farm, Uxbridge, and Foreman Cecil Baker of the Roll Job. Above are six young Whitinsville residents of forty years ago

He is patiently awaiting Joe Bouley's assistance in finding out exactly what's up. . . . Dave Magill is now the owner of a home in Whitinsville and Louie Kenny has bought a house in Linwood. . . . James Colton has bought his wife a brand-new "Chevie" beach wagon just for herself. Jim thinks it will be easier that way, as he needs to use the car frequently. . . . Paul Wheeler is a very lucky fellow. During the last windstorm a huge tree fell right at the side of Paul's house without hitting either the house or his car which was parked nearby. . . . Our Christmas party plans are in full swing and we expect to have a wonderful time as usual. A very Merry Christmas to everyone.

PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

by Marge Newton and Tad Wallace

Our personality this month is Doris Rondeau Kellaher. Although she was born in North Adams, the Rondeau family moved to Rockdale when Doris was only five years old, so we can call her an "almost" native of the town of Northbridge. She attended the public schools and graduated from Northbridge High School in 1934. Her interests in school were sports (a former N.H.S. cheerleader), social events and dramatics. In 1936 she married Thomas "Lefty" Kellaher, and they have three children—Beverly, a student at Archbishop Cushing College in Boston; Paul, a senior at Northbridge; and Susan, a 5th grader. Doris has many interests, but it is safe to say that her main interest is her children. During her term of employment in the office she has worked in the master route section but is currently working in the material requirements standard section.

Recent service pin awards are as follows: 10 years, Grace Williams and Stanley Ziemba, Sr.; 5 years, Claire Lapierre, Roland Dumas, Betty Feen, Stanton Putnam, Irene Lavallee, Stanley Ziemba, Jr. and David Picard, Jr. Our congratulations to all. . . . Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Rizer and daughter Patsy Lou returned from a brief visit to Dallas, Texas and according to F. O. they were mighty happy to get back to a "warm" climate. Upon their arrival in Dallas, the thermometer registered a "cool" 28 degrees. . . . Don Gauthier returned to the expediting group on October 17. . . . Claire Legassey and Irene Michalik have left us in favor of the domestic life. Claire left on November 4 and Irene on November 18. With them goes the best wishes from their many friends in the office. . . . Jim Bernard is not one to take chances. During the last hurricane threat, while the storm was still off the Carolina coast, Jim departed for home to get the cellar windows closed! . . . We welcome Doris Thompson, who was recently transferred to us from the Freight Office, to the Master Route Section. . . . Recent returnees from the sick list are Mabel Larson and Ray Achorn. We hope that Brenda Cook, Eunice Evers, and Margaret Racicot will be back with us real soon. . . . Congratulations are in order for Gordon and Mrs. Anderson who celebrated their 5th wedding anniversary on November 5 and whose fourth daughter arrived on November 14.

During his vacation in October Arthur Vincent of the Main Office was photographed by Mrs. Vincent at the Jack-O-Lantern Inn in New Hampshire

William B. Holl, new supervisor of Payroll Computation, studied accounting at Northeastern University, and has been at Whitin fifteen years

John P. Shaw, a graduate from Bryant College, has been appointed supervisor of Statements. John has worked here since 1950

PROMOTIONS

William B. Hall was appointed supervisor of Payroll Computation on October 21, 1955, it was announced by Works Accountant Henry R. Bailey. Bill, who has been a Whitin employee for fifteen years, was born in Millbury, Massachusetts, on December 30, 1917. After graduating from Millbury High, he studied accounting at evening sessions of Northeastern University. In 1942, he was married to Eileen Brosnahan at St. Patrick's Church, Whitinsville. They now live at 26 Main Street, Whitinsville, with their two daughters, 11-year old Susan and 5-year old Martha. Bill is an Army veteran of World War II and enjoys fishing and hunting.

It was announced on October 21, that John P. Shaw was appointed supervisor of Statements. John has been a Whitin employee since February 20, 1950. John and Mrs. Shaw, the former Rhoda Dobbie, were married on August 3, 1944, and now live at 46 Broad Street, Pascoag, R. I. with their children, 7-year old Kathryn E. and 2½-year old John D. Born in Putnam, Connecticut, on August 25, 1918, John is a graduate of Burrillville High School who attended evening sessions at the Rhode Island School of Design for three years and graduated as an accountant from Bryant College, Providence. During World War II (from 1942–1947) John was an Air Force pilot of B24's and B29's.

The Gourmet Club of Hugh Currie's office had their most recent party at Mr. A's in Worcester. This group, comprised of Betty Bisson, Helen Dagirmanjian, Helen Miller, Stella Betley, Lucy Kheboian, Janet Lawrence, Jane Coyle, Joan Hutcheson, Nancy Fisher, Doris Pouliot and Doris McCray, is rapidly becoming a fine source of information on good eating. They have included in their itinerary such places as The Publick House, Grist Mill, Franklin Manor, Brook Manor and the Hickory House. Where to next, girls? . . . The Master Route Section and its "Good Time Club" had its most recent party at the Bocce Club in Woonsocket.

The Golf League concluded its season's activities with a banquet at the Embassy Club in Woonsocket on November 5. The regular season champions, the "Par 4's"—Ted Bisson, Irv Lightbown, Bob Bethel and Andy Meszaro, were awarded the winner trophies as they had defeated the "Sandtrappers"—Ray Duggan, Paul Duggan, Bill Kearnan and Hado Kelliher—in the play-offs. Prizes were also awarded to Ray Young for winning the tournament and to runner-up Joe Tosches. The specia awards resulting from the Scotch Foursom putting contest went to Mrs. Vic Romasc —first, Mrs. Hank Cant—second, an Mrs. Hado Kelliher—third. At this part the membership elected the followin officers for the 1956 season: President— Vic Romasco, Secretary—Bill Kearnan and Treasurer—Tad Wallace. At thi writing, plans for 1956 are being discusse and we expect to announce all officers, tean captains and committees in the Januar Spindle.

MAIN OFFICE

by Gloria Frabotta and Marlene Willard

Seasonal Greetings everyone! We ar sorry to report Clayton Cleverly's hospital ization, but are glad to see Clayton bac at his job again; and hope that Esthe Anderson is recovering from her illness an will soon be back with us. . . . Our on and only vacationist for this month wa Jim Robertson who flew to the sunshin state of Florida where he vacationed fo two weeks. Jim certainly made his fello workers appear very pale in compariso to his color. . . . Norman MacIntyr spent a few days in Springfield last mont at a Grange Convention. It proved to b a very enjoyable time especially when Ma was able to resume acquaintance with couple he hadn't seen for over thirty years . . . Welcome to Mary Larsen who i lending a helping hand in Norman Mac Intyre's Department during the inventor period.

Our last bit of news for this month i the standings of our bowling league whic at this writing are as follows:

MAIN OFFICE BOWLING LEAGUE

Standings

	Wins	*Losses*
Team #1 (Ann McDonald)...	22	6
Team #3 (Fran Guertin).....	20	8
Team #4 (Marion Bosma)....	13	15
Team #2 (Chris Bosma).....	1	27

We extend our heartiest greetings t you poor unfortunates who are celebratin your birthdays and anniversaries so nea Christmas. Those whose birthday gift will probably be overlooked are Florenc Baldwin, Chris Bosma, Sarah Healy, Agne Spratt, Eleanor Spratt, Clayton Cleverly Roy Rollins, and E. K. Swift, Sr., and th forgotten anniversary gifts belong to Ger Barlow, Margie McCallum and Donal Mateer.

Has everyone got his Christmas shopping done? There are only a few more days left. In closing, your reporters as wel as the whole Main Office crew wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

"My little girl packed my lunch this morning!"

WHITIN BOWLING LEAGUE

Standings Up to November 9

Team Standing

	Won	Lost
1. Planer Job	28	8
2. Repair Office	26	14
3. Freight Office	25	15
4. Production	22	18
5. Roll Job	21	19
6. Electricians	19	21
7. Apprentices	17	23
8. Main Office	15	25
9. Spinning	13	27
10. Master List	10	26

High Team Total (5 Men)

1. Freight Office	1619
2. Planer Job	1576
3. Production	1546

High Team Single (5 Men)

1. Freight Office	581
2. Electricians	542
3. Planer Job	538

High Individual Single

1. Z. Dagirmanjian	148
2. H. Cant	137
T. Wilga	137
3. V. Gervais	132

High Individual Triple

1. V. Gervais	359
2. Z. Dagirmanjian	353
3. M. Ezzo	350

High Individual Average

1. P. Rae	101.7
2. A. Gagnon	100.9
3. C. Flinton	100.4

To Marcel Pierel of the Creel Job, and Mrs. Pierel, a daughter, Marguerite, on October 15 in the Woonsocket Hospital.

To Ray Malley of 413, and Mrs. Malley, a daughter, Ellen Mary, on October 24 in the Whitinsville Hospital.

To Armand Cournoyer, Whitin Business Equipment Corp., and Mrs. Cournoyer, twin daughters, JoAnn, weight 5 lbs. 6 oz., and Jane Ann, weight 4 lbs. 13 oz., at Whitinsville Hospital on September 20.

To Chester Roaf, Garage, and Mrs. Roaf, a son, Warren Harvey, weight 8 lbs. 5 oz., at Whitinsville Hospital on November 11.

To Edmund Bartlett, Electrical Department, and Mrs. Bartlett, a daughter, Karen Michelle, on August 18 at the Mercy Hospital, Woonsocket, R. I.

To George Falardeau, Box Job, and Mrs. Falardeau, a daughter, Lu-Ann Marie, weight 8 lbs. 6 oz., at Providence Lying-In Hospital on November 2.

To Nick DeLuca, Department 408, and Mrs. DeLuca, a daughter, Cynthia Jean, weight 7 lbs. 3 oz., on October 27.

To Richard Flinton, Department 432, and Mrs. Flinton, a son, David Paul, weight 8 lbs. 4 oz. at Whitinsville Hospital on November 4.

To Ronald Hairyes and Sara Hairyes, formerly of Department 465, a daughter, Patricia, on November 9.

The engagement of Joseph H. Fenner, Jr., of Department 401 to Reina Boileau of Northbridge has been announced. They will be married on January 21, 1956.

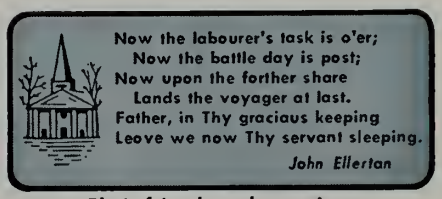
Robert Blanchard and Barbara Jane Bergeron, daughter of Edward Bergeron of Department 470, were married in The Assumption Church, Millbury, on October 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman F. MacIntyre, Jr. at their wedding reception in Odd Fellows Hall, Whitinsville, on September 24

The engagement of Sally Mantashigian, Main Office, to Ardashes Nahabedian of Pawtucket has been announced. A Spring wedding is planned.

Byron Heywood, Department 411, and Claire Nolet were married in St. Mary's Church, Uxbridge, on October 8.

Nicholas DeHaas, Jr., Department 434, and Mary Lanagan, Department 453, were married in the Baptist Church, North Uxbridge, on November 26.



Their friends and associates extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved

Abram Lieber, Methods, on the death of his mother.

Reginald Bratt, Department 411, on the death of his father, Henry Bratt, in Worcester.

Survivors and friends of Allan Outhet, 62, of Church Street, Whitinsville, who died in The Memorial Hospital, Worcester, on November 12. A native of Lacoole, Canada, he had been a Whitinsville resident for 37 years.

Arthur St. Andre on the death of his son.

Family and friends of Thomas P. Dorsey, 64, who died at his home at 11 West Street, Whitinsville, on October 22. Prior to his retirement he was for many years foreman of the Brass Foundry.

Relatives and friends of Robert Clarke, Sr., 86, retired Whitin machinist, who died at Whitinsville Hospital on October 27. A native of Scotland, he was a resident here for sixty years.

Michael and Dimitry Pristawa and Julie McDonough on the death of their mother, Mrs. Anna Pristawa.

Survivors and friends of Joseph J. Dean, 67, who retired from the Whitin Machine Works two years ago and who died at his home in Millville on November 13.

Family and friends of Burton H. Barber, 84, who died at his home at 144 Highland Street, Whitinsville, on November 4. A native of Jay, Vermont, he was, prior to his retirement, employed for 45 years at the Whitin Machine Works.

Leroy Clarke, Department 417, on the death of his son.

Betty Ranslow of Timekeeping (Departments 450 and 451) on the death of her father on October 31.

To Jerry Levitre of Department 429 on the death of his sister.

Benoit Briere of Department 416, on the death of his father, Ulric Briere at Woonsocket Hospital on October 22.

Merry Christmas Everybody!

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